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## SPECIAL NOTICE

*A Special Sermon will be preached on Sunday morning in the Methodist Church, by the Pastor, R. Mitchell. Subject:*

## Thy Kingdom Come

*Don't fail to hear this solution of warfare and strife. It will be a real live Christmas subject. Men of Grayling, I want to see you all at church. Won't you come at my request.* R. Mitchell

*Dr. Dystant, of Cheboygan, will conduct a Sacramental Service after the morning worship.*

*Dr. Dystant will preach in the evening. All Come.*

*Special Christmas Music by the Choir*

*Morning Service at 10:30*

*Evening Service at 7:00 o'clock*

## Attention Farmers of Crawford County

On Jan. 27th, 1915, the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau will hold its annual meeting at Bay City, and one of the features will be a corn show. Each director from the different counties is required to bring 3 ears. Prizes will be given for the best samples and the director showing the poorest will be obliged to forfeit a box of cigars.

Wm. A. Chalker and myself represent Crawford county as directors, and it will be our duty to show the best we have in the county, and in order to do so it will be necessary to ask those farmers having good corn to send or bring to us one of your best ears and we will then select the necessary number from the lot. Here is a good opportunity to show what Crawford county can do. It is the general public opinion that corn can not be ripened in our county. We know better, but we have got to show the goods.

Samples can be delivered to either Wm. S. Chalker, at Waters, Mich., or to me at Grayling.

M. HANSON.

### MRS. PETER PETERSEN DEAD. Remains Taken to Bay City for Interment.

On Monday morning at the home of her parents, occurred the sad death of Mrs. Petersen, wife of Peter Petersen and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond of this city. Mrs. Petersen had been seriously ill for about eleven weeks and five weeks ago underwent a serious operation at Mercy hospital, performed by Dr. Brooks of Detroit. At first Mrs. Petersen seemed to improve but the dreaded disease from which she was suffering had gained over her, and everything in the physicians' power was done to save her but of no avail.

The deceased was 35 years, 5 months and 22 days old, being born in this state in 1879. Mrs. Petersen was very popular in social and lodge circles, being a member of the local lodge of Foresters, and had spent most of her life here and was well known, having a host of friends, by whom she will be greatly missed.

Before her marriage she assisted in the post office and had gained many friends by her pleasant ways. Her sister, Mrs. Nina Platt, of Bay City remained with her during the last week of her illness. Services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Rev. A. Mitchell of the M. E. church officiated and spoke feelingly and definitely on a portion of the 23rd Psalm, "Though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil." A quartette composed of Mrs. T. W. Hanson, Mrs. Olaf Michelson, C. J. Hathaway and Rev. Mitchell rendered two touching hymns—"If on a Quiet Sea" and Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar", and at the closing Rev. Mitchell sang beautifully "Beyond".

The remains were taken to Bay City Wednesday afternoon for burial. She leaves to mourn her sad departure from this earth, her husband and little daughter Marjorie, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond; one sister, Mrs. Nina Platt of Bay City; and a brother Willard of New York. The family have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

### The Knocker and the Booster.

When the Creator had made all the good things, there was still some dirty work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished He had some scraps that were too bad to put into the Rattlesnake, the Hyena, the Scorpion and the Skunk, so He put all these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it with jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak, and called it a Knocker.

The result was so fearful to contemplate that He had to make something to counteract it, so He took a sunbeam and put it in the heart of a child, the brain of a man, wrapped those in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel and called it a Booster; made him a lover of fields and flowers and manly sports, a believer in equality and justice, and ever since these two were, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates.—Copied.

**Sick Two Years With Indigestion.**  
"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

Band concert tonight.

### Nurses Pass Examination With High Honors.

Word was received from Lansing last Monday by the Mercy hospital authorities that the first graduate nurses of Mercy hospital, Grayling, Misses Maud Tetu and Catherine O'Leary—have passed with high honors the state examination held at Detroit November 17, 18 and 19 of this year, for state registration before the state board, and that the said nurses were granted a State Registration Certificate. This is certainly gratifying news to the many friends of the above named nurses and also to the friends of Mercy hospital of our city; for it shows that the training school for nurses conducted in our hospital here can be compared with any in the state. Since January 1914 there has been enacted a new and strict registration law by Lansing, requiring all training schools for nurses of all the hospitals of the State of Michigan, that their graduates take a thorough and critical examination before the members of the State Board of Registration in order that the nurses may be capable to perform the responsible and serious duties of a nurse under the state supervision; and having passed this state examination satisfactorily, the state will then issue a state certificate to the successful nurses. Therefore all hospitals, without exception, whose training school is up to the state standard, will only be recognized by this board and consequently by the State of Michigan itself. It is certainly gratifying, therefore, to the citizens of Grayling to know and feel that our hospital and its training school for nurses under the able teaching and management of the Sisters of Mercy and the board of physicians, are thus up in the front ranks of hospital work and that they are recognized by the state itself. Congratulations, therefore to the first class of nurses of Mercy hospital of Grayling for the high honors brought not only to themselves and to our worthy institution, Mercy hospital, but also to our city.

### Have the Boys and Girls Clean Their Teeth.

Crooked, twisted, gnarled and deformed teeth are a source of danger to the child, family and state as well. Buck Teeth Ben soon gets too sensitive to be in touch with his playmates, and he stays in the background, getting further and further away from his fellows.

The child is in danger of being a recluse, a backward. Dentists are to be found all over the land. Call on them.

In every state, in almost every county you will find people, societies calling the attention of mother to the necessities of dental cleanliness. Clean the teeth. You will find that a clean tooth never decays—you will find dark spots on the teeth under which lurks small germs that eat holes in the teeth. Get a little orris root and a good brush and rub your teeth. Get a brush for the boy and one for the girl. When you find the teeth and gums sore, bleed, the teeth falling in to holes, the gums separate from the teeth, black spots on the teeth inside and outside of jaw, there is bacteria on the teeth. Even if the teeth are in the last stages of decay, see a dentist.

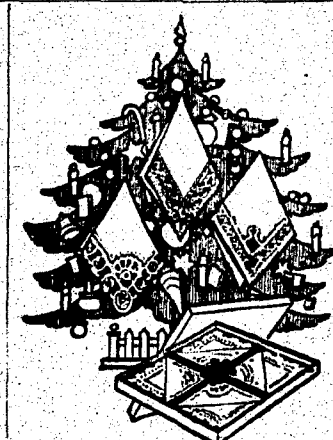
Don't wait until you have lost your best teeth to look after your mouth. Watch the boy's and girl's mouth. Disease often comes from decayed teeth.

MARGARET HUDSON, President, Crooked Teeth Society.



## Christmas Store House

Great Xmas stocks crowd the walls of this store—useful reasonable articles, fresh from the leading makers of this country and Europe. Each assortment bears the unmistakable hall-mark of distinctive quality, etc., so desirable when selecting gifts. Save time, trouble and money, by coming direct to this Xmas Store House for your Holiday Presents.



### Holiday Handkerchiefs

for men, women and children. There are no disappointments because of duplications if you give handkerchiefs—who ever had too many handkerchiefs? Prices 5c to \$2.

### Hosiery

Stylish, serviceable gifts in silk for men and women.

### Men's Neckwear

Bought expressly for Xmas, hence strictly up-to-date.

The latest for women and children in ruffings, collars, stocks, collar sets, scarfs, jabots, etc.

### Christmas Aprons

An attractive specialty with us. Inexpensive but acceptable presents. Maids aprons, tea aprons, fancy bib aprons.

### Fancy Linens

Our reputation as the Linen Store adds to the appreciation of your gift if it is bought here. Lunch cloths, lunch sets, table sets, tablecloths, napkins, towels and scarfs.

### Bags, Suit Cases

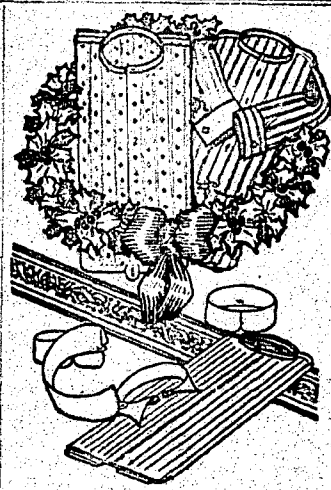
What is more practical and suitable for a Xmas gift than a travelling bag or suit case?

Practically everything in travelling luggage will be found here and we pride ourselves that our prices, quality considered, are the lowest in the city.



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Grayling's Leading Store



### Gloves

Best domestic and foreign makes for women and children, for evening, dress street, automobile, etc.

### Infants Wear

The Xmas Mecca for many mothers. Knit toques, sweaters, leggings, booties, mittens, veils, saques.

### Our Xmas Stock

is twice as large as last season, and our heavier buying has made possible still lower prices.

### Back Combs, Barrettes

Gems from the most artistic makers—the showing includes gold engraved set with finest quality Rhine stones; also plain side combs and back combs in amber, shell and gray.

### Stylish Footwear

We will not only sell you shoes—we will fit your feet.

See our line of fancy Indian moccasins, for men, women and children, with fancy fur trimming.

### Men's Shirts

Splendid line of men's fancy and working shirts, also collars, cuffs, etc.

A large assortment of bath robe blankets, prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$4.00 in all colors and designs.

For more about our superb stock from which to choose your Xmas Gifts we cordially invite you to call and see for yourself. Make this store your headquarters.



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## LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

SENATOR FOSTER WANTS BILL PASSED FOR STATE OFFICE BUILDING.

\$10,000 NOW PAID FOR RENT

Public Domain Commission Hold Meeting and Arrange to Take Over Affairs of State Land Commission.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—Charles W. Foster of Lansing, the newly-elected state senator from the fourteenth district will father a bill at the next session of the legislature calling for an appropriation for the purpose of constructing a state office building on one of the vacant city blocks owned by the state.

For years the need of a new state building or an addition to the present capital has been recognized and Senator Foster is determined to make a fight for an appropriation that will relieve conditions. With the creation of new boards and commissions, the capital building which was big enough to accommodate all the state departments when it was erected in 1872, has been outgrown and at the present time state offices are located in a dozen different office buildings in the city of Lansing.

Senator Foster has gathered statistics showing that the state pays annually the sum of \$10,000 for office rent in the city of Lansing. The state land commission is located in the City National Bank building. The Oakland building provides quarters for the railroad commission and the state game warden's department. The industrial accident board and a part of the insurance department is located in the Tussing building. The board of health and live stock sanitary commission have offices in the Prudden building and several of the justices of the supreme court have offices in the Capitol National Bank building.

The old building at the corner of Washington avenue and Allegan street, is the very heart of the business district, quarters the laboratory of the state board of health, state highway department, geological survey, dairy and food commission, labor commission and state military department.

If the legislature should decide to erect a new state building on one of the vacant lots the property which the state owns at the corner of Washington avenue and Allegan street could be sold for a considerable sum.

Final arrangements for turning the state land department over to the public domain commission were completed at a meeting of the public domain commission Thursday afternoon. After December 31 the state land commission will pass out of existence and hereafter all the work will be done by the public domain commission.

State Land Commissioner A. C. Carlton will continue as secretary of the public domain commission. Deputy Land Commissioner Edwin R. Havens will be assistant secretary of the public domain commission and Glen R. Munshaw will continue as supervisor of trespass and deputy immigration commissioner. Secretary of State Frederick C. Martindale attended his last meeting as a member of the public domain commission. Coleman C. Vaughan succeeds Martindale as secretary of state January 1 and the St. Johns man will occupy Martindale's position as a member of the public domain commission. For many years Mr. Vaughan has been personally interested in the timber business and is considerably interested in the reforestation work of the public domain commission.

Gov. Ferris created somewhat of a surprise here Saturday when he gave out the information that he would reappoint Cassius L. Glasgow of Nashville, a member of the state railroad commission.

That Mr. Glasgow's appointment was assured was known here several days ago, but the governor's action was not expected so soon. The term of Mr. Glasgow's appointment depends largely on whether the legislature this coming session passes a public utilities bill or not.

In the event it does the public utilities commission will undoubtedly be composed of five members and in all likelihood the governor would reappoint the three present members of the commission, Chairman Lawton T. Hemans and Commissioners Glasgow and Cunningham.

In the event the public utilities bill does not become a law, Glasgow's appointment is good for six years at an annual salary of \$2,000. The proposed public utilities bill will provide, however, for a larger salary.

Mr. Glasgow was first appointed a member of the railroad commission Sept. 23, 1907, and has served ever since. The law provides that not more than two commissioners of the same political party shall serve at any one time and inasmuch as Members Hemans and Cunningham are both democrats, it was up to the governor to name a member from some

other party. The work of Mr. Glasgow has been satisfactory to the governor, he stated, and while there were many other applicants he said that for the good of the board there should be no change at present.

Mr. Glasgow did not put in an application for the job, but hundreds of indorsements were sent in to the governor by his friends.

Thomas Lawrence, Negro, convicted of highway robbery in 1907 and sentenced to Marquette from Detroit for life Saturday had his sentence commuted and a pardon. He will be paroled from the upper peninsula as soon as the papers reach there.

The Lawrence case dragged along through the Osborn and Ferris administration. The question of identity at the trial and the ownership of a cap, coupled with an alleged confession from another colored man, Robert Cole, sent to Marquette for 15 years, raised a question of doubt which the governor has finally thrown Lawrence's way.

He has been interceded for by representatives of the Michigan Federation of Labor and by nearly all who had a hand in his trial. Judge Phelan, before whom he was tried, has always insisted the man got a fair trial and the judge seemed to be convinced of his guilt.

Lawrence's sentence has been commuted to 15 years and a parole issued at once. He was sentenced January 11, 1908.

Deputy State Treasurer Frank German has to sign his name to every state check and each check has to be countersigned by Hoyt Woodman, cashier in the office of the state treasurer.

As a general rule these two men sign their names to approximately 65,000 checks issued by the state which total during the course of a year about \$18,000,000. However, they will sign approximately 90,000 state checks this year, as the refunding of the automobile fees as the result of the new law being declared unconstitutional. Nearly 15,000 licenses were issued under the law providing for a tax per horsepower before the statute was declared unconstitutional and all money in excess of \$3 had to be returned. As a result Deputy German and Cashier Hoyt had to sign their name 15,000 times more than in the course of an ordinary year's business.

Always a strong peace advocate, Governor Ferris is unalterably opposed to any law which would provide compulsory military training in the public schools of this state and if such a bill should pass at the coming session of the legislature, it will not receive the approval of the chief executive.

"I am opposed to military training, and the military features of the boy scout organizations does not appeal to me," said Governor Ferris today. "When you place a gun in the hands of a boy you arouse his belligerent instincts and instantly he wants to become a fighting man."

"In case the country should be in danger we could raise an army for adequate defense and it could be prepared in a remarkably short time. I am not in favor of abolishing the national guard or the standing army, but there is no reason why all our boys and young men should be taught to tote a gun."

It is extremely doubtful whether the next legislature will approve a new compilation of the state statutes at the coming session. At the session two years ago, two commissioners were appointed, one to revise the laws and the other to annotate and compile.

Before the commission of which Edmund C. Shields is chairman can complete its compilation, it will first be necessary for the next legislature to take action on the revision of the statutes. The latter commission has submitted its report to Governor Ferris and its adoption will necessitate the changing of about 5,000 sections of the present compilation. In all probability the compilation will be completed after the coming session has completed its work and will be presented for ratification at the assembly in 1917.

Members of the state board of health favor an appropriation for the purpose of establishing a branch laboratory in the upper peninsula and the next legislature will be asked to provide an appropriation so that this plan may be carried into effect. It is claimed that many upper peninsula physicians send diphtheria swabs to Madison, Wis., for examination as a report of the analysis can be obtained more quickly from Madison than from Lansing. Secretary Burkart of the board of health is heartily in favor of this plan, but it will require an additional appropriation. At a meeting here Friday afternoon the state board of health declared in favor of a bill licensing chiropodists and it is expected that this measure will cover lady manicurists.

At the request of Secretary of State Martindale, Mrs. James H. Campbell of Grand Rapids has been appointed to take the copy of the constitution of Michigan adopted in 1835 to the congressional library where an attempt will be made to preserve it. It will be treated by some methods known to the library people and will be returned to Michigan and deposited in the fire proof vault.

Last year 6975 motorcycle licenses were issued. State Representative-elect Harry E. Penney, from the Saginaw city district, announced Saturday night he would introduce a bill in the next legislature to allow hunters to kill only one deer each season in Michigan. Members of Tahquamenon club and Congressman Fordney's party who have big lodges in Luce county, favor this plan, but do not favor restricting killing deer for several seasons.

There has been a great increase in number of automobile licenses sent out by the secretary of state during the past six years. In 1909 when the new automobile law went into effect 21,718 automobile licenses were sold by the secretary of state.

Each year the number of licensed cars has increased and so far this year 75,122 automobile licenses have been sold to Michigan owners. In 1912 the total number of licenses issued was 44,166. In 1910 the records show 1041 licensed automobiles, with

## BRINGING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO THE POOR

It is a question whether the families helped or the workers helping them get most joy out of the Christmas distribution. A real settlement worker, one imbued with the right spirit, will tell you that only one who has visited the homes of the poor and the suffering on Christmas eve can realize the pleasure of bringing happiness and sunshine into these homes. Many settlement workers, who have given up the work for some reason or another, but who return to assist with the Christmas distributions, give generously from their own purses that the baskets may be larger and more families aided.

Wealthy women, who have never done a settlement work, enter into the Santa Claus spirit and visit the alley and tenement districts of the large cities on the night before Christmas. Their automobiles heavily laden with toys, turkeys and good things to eat. They employ investigators to canvass the section in which they are interested a week before the holidays, and the distribution is made according to their reports. Oftentimes small trees are sent to the homes, with glass balls, trimmings and candy toys, and the donors, with the aid of their chauffeurs and the parents of the children, sit the tree while the little tots are asleep.

Though little known, Santa Claus' work in the slums of the big cities is carried on along systematic lines to overcome any overlapping of the multitude of good intentions. In days gone by, charitably inclined women would leave a large basket of provisions in a house in ignorance of another basket hidden in the closet. And it was not unusual for two or three workers to meet in the same kitchen at the one time, each burdened with good things for the one family.

This is an error of the past; for now the Christmas giving has been systematized. Settlement workers of the various societies and representatives of the wealthy private givers compile a list of those they will assist, and all go over their lists carefully together.

Although the Christmas giving is all out and dried a few days before the time, Santa Claus' secret is not given away. Half of the pleasure could be gone if the families knew that the visitors were coming with food and toys in abundance. It is true that those who are visited and quizzed by the private workers have a shrewd suspicion, after they have told their tale of woe and received the sympathy of the visitor, that something substantial is to follow.

The regular settlement workers know their ground pretty well; they know which families have had a hard road to travel and are putting up a good battle against the tide of misfortune.

The settlement workers have little investigating to do before the holidays; their entrance into a home or tenement is always greeted with surprise, for they generally make it a point to go where they are least expected.

"The poor are always with us" is doubly true at Christmas time. Families who can barely exist, who do not know where the next day's bread is coming from, can certainly not afford any extras for the holiday season. They consider themselves fortunate if they have a loaf or two of bread and a small piece of meat for the Christmas dinner and coal for the kitchen fire.

No one appreciates this seamy side of the bright Christmas story more than the charity worker. She knows that tribulations exist at Christmas time as during any other part of the year. Years of experience have shown her how to use tact and good judgment on her travels and where she cannot leave good cheer, she can at least make the sorrows and troubles easier to bear. The "Angel of the Settlement" knows more than any one else, that there are many cases when the word "Merry Christmas" would sound like a mockery; where the hand of death, for instance, has been heavily felt when it takes away the chief provider of a large family.

She knows, also, that the Christmas spirit is cherished by the poor as well as the wealthy. While they cannot spend the day in feasting and merrymaking, they can at least forget old

grudges and let bygones be bygones, shake hands with their enemies and wish one another good luck.

How many reunions and reconciliations take place then is known only to these good women. The hearts of many men who have been separated from their wives and families become softened as the holidays draw near, and it isn't uncommon for the settlement worker to find them together when she comes with the Christmas basket.

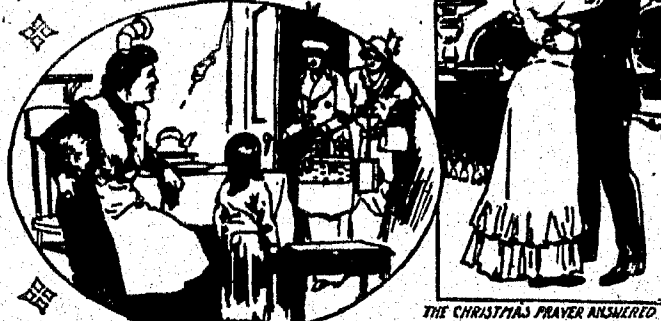
Many prodigal sons return on Christmas eve. A striking case of this kind that occurred two years ago was run across by a settlement worker in Philadelphia. She said that she had never witnessed a scene on any stage that could equal it. It was a real case of where the Christmas prayer of a broken-hearted mother was answered by the return of her boy.

The son ran away from home seven years earlier, when a youth of sixteen years. He had a good home and the family consisted of his parents, an older brother and a sister. His father was a hard-working man and used all his earnings for his home. The younger boy, being the baby of the family, was the pet of all; but he had a wild disposition, and he wanted to see something of life. He decided to run away from home and go West.

When he reached the ranches of Arizona he found that the cowboy life wasn't as bright as it was painted. He longed for home many a time, but vowed that he would not return a failure. He persevered until he had made good, though it took seven years for him to do it. His fearlessness and daring attracted the attention of the owner of the ranch, and he placed him in charge of another place. When the young man had a goodly wad of bills accumulated he decided to return in time for Christmas.

He reached the old house to find that another family was living there, and he learned from neighbors that his father was dead; that his sister had died shortly after he had left, and that his brother had been killed in an accident. The mother, doubly aged with grief, had been left alone and was subsisting as best she could in a third-story room. The son lost no time and arrived at the house the next morning. He found the mother who was telling the three children Christmas legends. She had glided apples, and that was their only other reminder that the morning was a great festival. She had no meat nor vegetables in the house for the next day's meals, and there was no coal in the bin. But the place was as clean and neat as a new pin.

"The mother was an educated woman, and you could tell at a glance that she had seen better days. She had married against the wishes of her family and she was too proud to let them know of her poverty. Her husband had gone West to try to better his condition, but was unable to get work there and became stranded. The wife kept the wolf away from the door as best she could by sewing. We brought her a turkey, vegetables, fruits and cranberries, then went out and got a tree and a doll for the children and left an order to have coal sent there immediately. It is impossible to tell how grateful that poor woman was."



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A REAL CHRISTMAS REUNION

In this home, and it was a delicate undertaking to bring a woman like this any provisions. But I explained to her that it was a present and her joy was only equalled by that of her children, who were more than delighted with their new toys.

"I have been in homes where the children never had toys, and I have brought them their first playthings. In one case there were two children, a boy and a girl, Pepino and Mechalo. Their father died when they were babies, and the mother supported them. She had come to this country a bride and was not well versed with the American way of doing things. She did not even know how to make a rag doll for the children. We brought those children a small tree, decorated it, and gave them plenty of toys. Words couldn't tell the happiness of those little ones.

"There is more pleasure in the work than you may imagine. We see many sad scenes, sorrow and joy mingled together, but we also find much to be thankful for. Last year we took a basket to an old colored woman. Her husband was a paralytic and she had two orphaned grandchildren to keep Christmas to her was to be the same as any other day until we arrived with the provisions and toys. She glanced at us as we entered the room, and when we put the basket on the table, she stared at it and pointed to herself, as much as to say, 'For me?' I said, 'Yes, Lisa, that's for you.' You could see nothing but the whites of her eyes, and she raised both of her hands above her head, clasped them together and said, 'De Lord be praised.' That was all she said; but she repeated it time and again. One time her eyes would be as large as dollars and she would joyously sing the 'De Lord be praised' and again she would be sad and mournful and moan 'De Lord be praised.'"

"Finally her husband, who was unable to leave his chair, lost his patience and he shouted, 'Lisa, good Lord, woman, has you done lost your mind altogether? Why don't you thank the ladies? Then, as a sort of apology to us, he said: 'You'll have to excuse her, ladies, for she has surely done lost her head altogether.' As we left the room and glanced back, poor Lisa was still standing there, looking at us with her hands clasped before her and slowly nodding her head saying: 'De Lord be praised.' We concluded Lisa knew better than her husband. She was thanking the right one."

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## TURKEY'S ACTION ENRAGES ITALY

Violation of Consulate in Arabia May Have Most Serious Results.

WARSHIP SENT TO THE SCENE

Sultan's Government Must Apologize and Pay Indemnity—Continued Fighting in Belgium—Germans Press Forward in Poland—Heavy British Ships Destroy Kaiser's Flying Squadron.

Rome, Dec. 14.—Baron Sonnino, minister of foreign affairs, has demanded immediate reparation by Turkey for the incident at Hodeida, a seaport town in Arabia on the Red sea, where Turks invaded the Italian consulate and dragged out the British consul general who had taken refuge there.

To back up its demand the government has dispatched the armored cruiser Marco Polo to Hodeida.

Minister Sonnino told the chamber of deputies that the incident occurred on November 11, but only became known on November 29 at Massawa, from where the Italian coast guard vessel Giuliana was sent to Hodeida. A full report of the incident was received by the foreign office by wireless on December 3, since which time communications have been interrupted. The government is now striving to re-establish communications.

England joins in demand. The foreign office, on receipt of the report, immediately informed England, Baron Sonnino said, and simultaneously demanded explanations from Turkey. Hodeida, however, is completely isolated, and communication between it and Constantinople is cut off. Nothing is known of the incident therefore at Constantinople.

"Italy," the baron said, "is now demanding of Turkey the immediate release of the British consul and his conveyance unharmed to the Italian consulate at Hodeida from which he was taken and arrested, a formal apology for the violation of the consulate, and indemnity for a wounded Italian."

Press Forward in Belgium. Allies Continue Attempt to Cut German Lines of Communication—Gains Reported.

London, Dec. 14.—The official statement given out in Berlin today declares that the French lost heavily in an attack on Flery (Pierry).

This statement, meager as it is, indicates that the French have made important gains in the Woivre region, where they have been trying to cut off the German force which projects like an arrowhead to St. Mihiel on the Meuse.

The report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, so they must have got across the German line of communication. The French claim to have made substantial progress at other places in the same region.

Allies Press Belgian Fight. Both German and French reports contain evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus in the Belgian field also, and is meeting with stubborn resistance from the German troops who have been left to hold the western line.

The official communication issued by the German army headquarters in Berlin says: "Following their unsuccessful attack on Apremont on December 11, the French again attacked yesterday afternoon over a large front by way of Flery (Pierry). The attack ended in the loss to the enemy of 600 prisoners and a large number of men killed and injured. Our losses in this engagement amounted to about seventy wounded. The rest of the day passed quietly in the western theater."

French Official Statement. Paris, Dec. 14.—The following official communication was issued by the French war office tonight: "It is announced that two German attacks at the two extremes of the front have failed. One was to the northeast of Ypres and the other against the railway station at Aspach (Alsace)."

"All the day of December 12 was particularly quiet. The enemy's activity was shown especially by an intermittent cannonade at different points of the front.

"In the woods of La Pretz we have made important progress.

"In the Vosges the enemy has attacked on various occasions the post of La Mere-Henri, to the northwest of Senones, but was repulsed."

HAMMER AT RUSSIAN FOE

Germans Continue to Force the Fighting in Poland, and Report Success.

London, Dec. 4.—The battles in Poland continue almost without intermission. While both Russians and Germans announce successes and the capture of prisoners and guns, apparently no decisive result has been reached in any series of contacts. The Germans are still delivering

CAME TO AN UNDERSTANDING

British and Russian Governments Reported to Have Reached a Financial Agreement.

London.—Great Britain has reached an agreement with the Russian government whereby the former, in consideration of a shipment of \$40,000,000 from Russia to England, will arrange with the Bank of England to discount under guarantee of the British government a further amount of \$50,000,000

heavy blows at the Russian center, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and 40 machine guns.

To the south of Cracow, where the Russians are on the offensive, Grand Duke Nicholas records the capture of 4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns. Another Russian force is holding the passes of the Carpathians and thus is preventing the Austrians from sending relief to their army in Galicia.

Russian Loss Report Unofficial. "The report issued in Berlin Saturday regarding the Russian losses in Poland did not emanate from headquarters and therefore must be regarded as unofficial." This statement is made in a dispatch from the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuters' Telegraph company.

A dispatch from Berlin Saturday said that the official press bureau, in a statement relative to the Russian losses in the battle around Lodz, gave the following figures: "According to our estimates, the Russians lost 150,000 men, including 80,000 men captured."

German Official Statement. Berlin, Dec. 15.—Official communication issued by the German army headquarters announces that several Russian positions in North Poland were stormed and 11,000 prisoners taken.

GERMAN FLEET IS WIPED OUT

Heavy British Squadron Destroys German War Vessels in Battle in South Atlantic.

London, Dec. 11.—The German cruiser Nuernberg which withdrew from the battle off the Falkland islands and attempted to make its escape while the British warships while the British warships under Sturdee were destroying the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, was hunted across the water by units of the British fleet and sunk the same day.

The main action lasted five hours. The Scharnhorst sank after three hours and the Gneisenau two hours later.

No loss of any British vessel is reported.

British Squadron Heavy.

London, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Buenos Aires conveys the information that the British squadron includes also big warships, notably the battle cruisers Lion and Indefatigable. The admiralty declines to verify or deny that these great ships are in foreign waters.

German Cruisers Sunk.

London, Dec. 10.—Information received in London indicates that the destruction of the German fleet in the South Atlantic, with the sinking of three cruisers, was preceded by the sinking of three German merchant vessels.

The fate of the merchantmen is not mentioned in the statement given out by the British admiralty, which said that the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig were sunk in a battle with the British fleet under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee off the Falkland islands in the South Atlantic.

Admiral Von Spee Is Lost?

The official statement makes reference to some survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, but no mention is made of any of the crew of the Scharnhorst, which was the flagship of the German admiral, being saved, and it is thus presumed that Count von Spee, his officers and men went down fighting.

As the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau each carried a complement of 755 men, the Leipzig 395, the Nuernberg 321, and the Dresden 251, the total German loss is estimated at not far from 2,000 men.

The British casualties were seven men killed and four wounded.

Dresden May Be Safe.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 13.—The Argentine government has received word that the German cruiser Dresden has arrived at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan. A dispatch from Punta Gallagos says that a vessel has been sighted near there surrounded by English ships.

The dispatch indicated that this vessel probably was a German and said that in appearance it resembled the Nuernberg. The Nuernberg, however, was reported by Vice Admiral Sturdee to have been sunk by the British squadron.

A later dispatch received from Punta Gallagos said the vessel had disappeared and that it was believed it had sunk.

The fate of the Dresden, the last of the squadron of five German cruisers under Admiral Count von Spee, which was defeated by the British Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee's squadron off the Falkland islands December 8, seems still to be a matter of conjecture.

Karlsruhe Still Active.

Another German cruiser not accounted for, which, however, did not take part in the battle, is the Karlsruhe.

A recent dispatch from Buenos Aires gave the report that the German battle cruiser Von der Tann had reached the South Atlantic.

Say Kaiser Is Improving.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Evening News from The Hague says: "According to information reaching here through private sources, Emperor William's condition today showed marked improvement. His temperature this morning was normal. His physicians allowed him to sit up for a few hours."

In Russian treasury bills.

The \$40,000,000 will be applied by Russia to providing exchange for Anglo-Russian trade. The \$50,000,000 will be used for the purpose of paying coupons on the Russian external debts which are payable in London and for financing Russian purchases in England, or where Great Britain is unable to supply the article required and orders consequently have to be placed in Canada or the United States.

This move places Russian finances on an easy basis.



# The Last Shot

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## SYNOPSIS.

At their home on the frontier between the Browns and Grays, Maria Galloway and her mother, entertaining Colonel Westerling of the Grays, see Captain Lanstron of the Browns injured by a fall in his aeroplane. Ten years later, Westerling, colonial vicar, chief of state, and leader of the Browns, tells Maria of his teaching children the follies of war and mental patriotism, and begs her to prevent war while he is chief of state. Lanstron calls on Maria at her home. She tells Lanstron that she believes Feller, the gardener, to be a spy. Lanstron confesses it is true and shows her a telephone which Feller has concealed in a secret passage under the lower hall. Lanstron declares his love for Maria. Westerling and the Gray premier, Feller, to use a trivial international affair to foment warlike patriotism and strike before declaring war. Partow, Brown chief of state, reveals his plans to Lanstron, made vice chief. The Gray army crosses the border line and attacks. The Browns attack, and the Grays, in turn, attack. The Browns fall back to the Galland house. Maria sees a night attack. The Grays attack, and the Browns fall back. Maria calls on Lanstron to stop the fighting. Vandalism in the Galland house. Westerling and his staff occupy the Galland house and he begins to woo Maria. She apparently throws her fortunes with Westerling and his staff. She calls on Lanstron on the secret telephone and plans to give Westerling information that will trap the Gray army. Westerling forms his plan of attack upon what he learns from her. The Grays take Bordir.

## CHAPTER XVI—Continued.

"This is like you—like what I want you to be!" he said. "You are right." He caught her hand, including it entirely in his grip, and she was sensible, in a kind of dazed horror, of the thrill of his strength. "Nothing can stop us. Numbers will win. Hard fighting in the morning of a quick end!" he declared with his old rigidity of five against three which was welcome to her. "Then," he added—"and then—"

"Then!" she repeated, averting her glance. "Then—" There the devil ended the sentence and she withdrew her hand and felt the relief of one escaping suffocation, to find that he had realized that anything further during that interview would be banality and was rising to go.

"I don't feel decent!" she thought. "Society turned on Minna for a human weakness, but I—I'm not a human being! I am one of the pawns of the machine of war!"

Walking slowly with lowered head as she left the arbor, she almost ran into Bouchard, who apologized with the single word "Pardon!" as he lifted his cap in overdone courtesy, which his stolid brevity made the more conspicuous.

"Miss Galloway, you seem lost in abstraction," he said in sudden loquacity. "I am almost on the point of accusing you of being a poet."

"Accusing!" she replied. "Then you must think that I would write bad poetry."

"On the contrary, I should say excellent—using the sonnet form," he returned.

"I might make a counter accusation, only that yours would be the epic form," answered Maria. "For you, too, seem fond of rambling."

There was a veiled challenge in the hawk eyes, which she met with commonplace politeness in hers, before he again lifted his cap and proceeded on his way.

For the next two weeks Maria's role resolved itself into a kind of routine. Their cramped quarters became a refuge to Maria in the trial of her secret work under the very nose of the staff. With little Clarissa Eileen, they formed the only feminine society in the neighborhood. On sunny days Mrs. Galloway was usually to be found in her favorite chair outside the tower door; and here Minna set the urn on a table at four-thirty as in the old days.

No member of the staff was more frequently present at Maria's teas than Bouchard, who was developing his social instinct late in life by sitting in the background and allowing others to do the talking while he watched and listened. In his hearing, Maria's attitude toward the progress of the war was sympathetic but never interrogatory, while she shared attention with Clarissa Eileen, who was in danger of becoming spoiled by officers who had children of their own at home. After the reports of killed and wounded, which came with such appalling regularity, it was a relief to hear of the day's casualties among Clarissa's dolls. The chief of transportation and supply rode her on his shoulder; the chief of tactics played hide-and-seek with her; the chief engineer built her a doll house of stones with his own hands; and the chief medical officer was as concerned when she caught cold as if the health of the army were at stake.

"We mustn't get too set up over all this attention, Clarissa Eileen, my rival," said Maria to the child. "You are the only little girl and I am the only big girl within reach. If there were lots of others it would be different."

Bouchard was losing flesh; his eyes were sinking deeper under a heavier frown. His duty being to get information, he was gaining none. His duty being to keep the Grays' secrets, there was a leak somewhere in his own department. He quizzed subordinates; he made abrupt transfers, to no avail.

Meanwhile, the Grays were taking the approaches to the main line of defense, which had been thought relatively immaterial but had been found shrewdly placed and their vulnerability overestimated. The thunder of batteries hammering them became a routine of existence, like the passing of trains to one living near a railroad. The guns went on while tea was be-

ing served; they ushered in dawn and darkness; they were going when sleep came to those whom they later awakened with a start. Fights as desperate as the one around the house became features of this period, which was only a warming-up practice for the war demon before the orgy of impending assault on the main line.

Maria began to realize the immensity of the chessboard and of the forces engaged in more than the mere statement of numbers and distances. If a first attack on a position failed, the wires from the Galland house repeated their orders to concentrate more guns and attack again. In the end the Browns always yielded, but grudgingly, calculatingly, never being taken by surprise. The few of them who fell prisoners said, "God with us! We shall win in the end!" and answered no questions. Gradually the Gray army began to feel that it was battling with a mystery which was fighting under cover, falling back under cover—a tenacious, watchful mystery that sent sprays of death into every finger of flesh that the Grays thrust forward in assault.

"Another position taken. Our advance continues," was the only news that Westerling gave to the army, his people, and the world, which forgot its sports and murders and divorce cases in following the progress of the first great European war for two generations. He made no mention of the costs; his casualty lists were secret. The Gray hosts were sweeping forward as a slow, irresistible tide; this by Partow's own admission. He announced the loss of a position as promptly as the Grays its taking. He published a daily list of casualties so meager in contrast to their own that the Grays thought it false; he made known the names of the killed and wounded to their relatives. Yet the seeming candor of his press bureau included no straw of information of military value to the enemy.

Westerling never went to tea at the Gallands with the other officers, for it was part of his cultivation of greatness to keep aloof from his subordinates. His meetings with Maria happened casually when he went out into the garden. Only once had he made any reference to the "And then" of their interview in the arbor.

"I am winning battles for you!" he had exclaimed with the thing in his eyes which she loathed.

To her it was equivalent to saying that she had tricked him into sending men to be killed in order to please her. She despised herself for the way he confided in her; yet she had to go on keeping his confidence, returning a tender glance with one that held out hope. She learned not to shudder when he spoke of a loss of "only ten thousand." In order to rally herself when she grew faint-hearted to her task, she learned to picture the lines of his face hard-set with five-against-three brutality, while in comfort he ordered multitudes to death, and, in contrast, to recall the smile of Dellarme, who asked his soldiers to undergo no risk that he would not share. And after every success he would remark that he was so much nearer Engadri, that position of the main line of defense whose weakness she had revealed.

"Your Engadri?" he came to say. "Then we shall again profit by your information; that is, unless they have fortified since you received it."

"They haven't," she thought. She was always seeing the mockery of his words in the light of her own knowledge and her own part, which never escaped her consciousness. One chamber of her mind was acting for him; a second chamber was perfectly aware that the other was acting.

"One position more—the Twin Boulder Redoubt, it is called," he announced at last. "We shall not press hard in front. We shall drive in masses on either side and storm the flanks."

This she was telephoning to Lanstron a few minutes later and having, in return, all the news of the Browns. The sheer fascination of knowing what both sides were doing exerted its spell in keeping her to her part.

"They've lost four hundred thousand men now, Lanny," she said.

"And we only a hundred thousand. We're whittling them down," answered Lanstron.

"Whittling them down! What a ghastly expression!" she gasped. "You are as bad as Westerling and I am worse than either of you! I—I announced the four hundred thousand as if they were a score—a score in a game in our favor. I am helping, Lanny? All my sacrifice isn't for nothing?" she asked for the hundredth time.

"Immeasurably. You have saved us many lives!" he replied.

"And cost them many?" she asked.

"Yes, Maria, no doubt," he admitted; "but no more than they would have lost in the end. It is only the mounting up of their casualties that can end the war. Thus the lesson must be taught."

"And I can be of most help when the attack on the main defense is begun?"

"Yes."

"And when Westerling finds that my information is false about Engadri—then—"

She had never put the question to him in this way before. What would Westerling do if he found her out? "My God, Maria!" he exclaimed. "If I'd had any sense I would have thought of that in the beginning and torn out the phone! I've been mad, mad, mad, the one thought of the nation—inhumanism in my greedy patriotism. I will not let you go any further!"

It was a new thing for her to be rallying him; yet this she did as the

strange effect of his protest on the abnormal sensibilities that her acting had developed.

"Thinking of me—little me!" she called back. "Of one person's comfort from hundreds of thousands of other women are in terror; when the destiny of millions is at stake! Lanny, you are in a blue funk!" and she was laughing forcedly and hysterically. "I'm going on—going on like one in a trance who can't stop if he would. It's all right, Lanny. I undertook the task myself. I must see it through!"

After she had hung up the receiver her buoyancy vanished. She leaned against the wall of the tunnel weakly. Yes, what if she were found out? She was thinking of the possibility seriously for the first time. Yet, for only a moment did she dwell upon it before she dismissed it in sudden recollection. "No matter what they do to me or what becomes of me!" she thought. "I'm a lost soul, anyway. The thing is to serve as long as I can—and then I don't care!"

## CHAPTER XVII.

Thumbs Down for Bouchard. Haggard and at bay, Bouchard faced the circle of frowns around the polished expanse of that precious holocaust, the dining-room table of the Gallands. The dreaded reckoning of the apprehensions which kept him restlessly awake at night had come at the next staff council after the fall of the Twin Boulder Redoubt. With the last approach to the main line of defense cleared, one chapter of the war was finished. But the officers did not manifest the elation that the occasion called for, which is not saying that they were discouraged. They had no doubt that eventually the Grays would dictate peace in the Browns' capital. Exactly stated, their mood was one of repressed professional irritation. Not until the third attempt was Twin Boulder Redoubt taken. As far as results were concerned, the nicely planned first assault might have been a stroke of strategy by the Browns to drive the Grays into an impassable fire zone.

"The trouble is we are not informed!" exclaimed Turcas, opening his thin lips even less than usual, but twisting them in a significant manner as he gave his words a rasping emphasis. The others hastened to follow his lead with equal candor.

"Exactly. We have no reports of their artillery strength, which we had greatly underestimated," said the chief of artillery.

"Our maps of their forts could not be less correct if revealed to us for purposes of deceit. Again and again we have thought that we had them surprised, only to be surprised ourselves. In short, they know what we



Bouchard Faced the Circle of Frowns.

are doing and we don't know what they are doing!" said the tactical expert.

There the chief of the aerostatic division took the defensive.

"They certainly don't learn our plans with their planes and dirigibles!" he declared energetically.

"Hardly, when we never see them over our lines."

"The Browns are acting on the defensive in the air as well as on the earth!"

"But our own planes and dirigibles bring little news," said Turcas. "I mean, those that return," he added pungently.

"And few do return. My men are not wanting in courage!" replied the chief aerostatic officer. "Immediately we get over the Brown lines the Browns, who keep cruising to and fro, are on us like hawks. They risk anything to bring us down. When we descend low we strike the fire of their high-angle guns, which are distributed the length of the frontier. I believe both their aerial fleet and their high-angle artillery were greatly underestimated. Finally, I cannot reduce my force too much in scouting or they might take the offensive."

"Another case of not being informed!" concluded Turcas, returning grimly to his point.

He looked at Bouchard, and every one began looking at Bouchard. If the Gray tactics had been outplayed by their opponents, if their losses for the ground gained exceeded calculations, then it was good to have a scapegoat for their professional mistakes. Bouchard was Westerling's choice for chief of intelligence. His blind loyalty was pleasing to his superior, who, hitherto, had promptly silenced any suggestion of criticism by repeating that the defensive always appeared to be the offensive to be better informed than itself. But this time Westerling let the conversation run on without a word of excuse for his favorite.

Each fresh approach from the staff, whose opinion was the only good knowledge, was a dagger thrust at Bouchard. At night he had lain awake worrying about the leak; by day he

had sought to trace it, only to find every clue leading back to the staff. Now he was as confused in his shame as a sensitive schoolboy. Vaguely, in his distress, he heard Westerling asking a question, while he saw all those eyes staring at him.

"What information have we about Engadri?"

"I believe it to be strongly fortified!" stammered Bouchard.

"You believe! You have no information!" pursued Westerling.

"No, sir," replied Bouchard. "Nothing—nothing new!"

"We do seem to get little information," said Westerling, looking hard at Bouchard in silence—the combined silence of the whole staff.

This public reproach could have but one meaning. He should soon receive a note which would thank him politely for his services, in the stereotyped phrases always used for the purpose, before announcing his transfer to a less responsible post.

"Very little, sir!" Bouchard replied doggedly.

"There is that we had from one of our aviators whose machine came down in a smash just as he got over our infantry positions on his return," said the chief aerostatic officer. "He was in a dying condition when we picked him up, and as he was speaking with the last breaths in his body, naturally his account of what he had seen was somewhat incoherent. It would be of use, however, if we had plans of the forts that would enable us to check off his report intelligently."

"Yet, what evidence have we that Partow or Lanstron has done more than to make a fortunate guess or show military insight?" Westerling asked. "There is the case of my own belief that Bordir was weak, which proved correct."

"Last night we got a written telegraphic staff message from the body of a dead officer of the Browns found in the Twin Boulder Redoubt," said the vice-chief, "which showed that in an hour after our plans were transmitted to our own troops for the first attack they were known to the enemy."

"That looks like a leak!" exclaimed Westerling. "A leak, Bouchard, do you hear?" He was frowning and his lips were drawn and his cheeks mottled with red in a way not pleasant to see. Stiffening in his chair, a flash of desperation in his eyes, Bouchard's bony, long hand gripped the table edge. Every one felt that a sensation was coming.

"Yes, I have known that there was a leak," he said with hoarse, painful deliberation. "I have sent out every possible tracer. I have followed up every sort of clue. I have transferred a dozen men. I have left nothing undone!"

"With no result?" persisted Westerling impatiently.

"Yes, always the same result: That the leak is here in this house—here in the grand headquarters of the army under our very noses. I know it is in the telegraphers or the clerks. It is a member of the staff!"

"Have you gone out of your head?"

Nothing new in joke line

Accounts for old legend

Simple explanation of the age-old myth that surrounds the Golden Fleece.

In the legend of the Golden Fleece lies hidden the record of an ancient method of the collection of gold. The north coast of Asia Minor produced large quantities of the precious metal, as well as copper and iron. Gold was found in the gravel, as often happens still in streams draining from copper regions. The gold in copper ores, originally containing insignificant amounts of the precious metal, accumulates in the course of ages, and sometimes forms placers of astonishing richness.

The ancient Tibareni washed the gold-bearing gravel, first by booming, which concentrated the gold into relatively small amounts of sand. This was then collected and washed through sluices having the bottoms lined with sheepskins. The gold would sink into the wool, while the sand would be washed away in the swift current.

The skins were removed from the sluices, the coarsest gold shaken out, and the fleeces, still glittering with the yellow metal, were hung upon boughs to dry. The rest of the gold might be beaten from them, and saved. The early Greek mariners, witnessing this process, carried home tales of the wonderful riches of a land where a warlike race of miners hung golden fleeces upon the trees in the grove of Ares.

After so many millenniums the metalliferous country of Tubal-Cain is once more coming into prominence. The natives still cull the high-grade copper ore, and break it into smalls, which they cover with wood and roast to matte; they still work the matte in forge-like furnaces to black copper, which they ship to Alexandria and to Ruxine ports. They still make the famous carbonized iron that was celebrated as Damascus steel because it was distributed through this mart to the rest of the world after receiving a finish by local Damascus workmen.

These decadent methods, that give a hint of the approved practice of the father of metallurgy, will soon become wholly extinct, for the modern miner is studying the disseminated copper ores of the Black sea coast, and threatening to rekindle on a magnificent scale the smoldering fires of Tubal-Cain—Argonaut.

Algeria's River of Ink.

In Algeria there is a river of ink. In the upper part of its course it flows through beds of decaying moss, in the lower part through strata of iron ore, and thus, through the combination of the two, its waters acquire very nearly the color and something of the taste of black ink.

demanded Westerling. "What staff officer? How does he get the information to the enemy? Name the persons you suspect here and now! Explain, if you want to be considered sane!"

Here was the blackest accusation that could be made against an officer! The chosen men of the staff, tested through many grades before they reached the inner circle of cabinet secrecy, lost the composure of a council. All were leaning forward toward Bouchard breathless for his answer.

"There are three women on the grounds," said Bouchard. "I have been against their staying from the first."

He got no further. His words were drowned by the outburst of one of the younger members of the staff, who had either to laugh or choke at the picture of this deep-eyed, spectral sort of man, known as a woman-hater, in his revelation of the farcical source of his suspicions.

"Why not include Clarissa Eileen?" some one exclaimed, starting a chorus of satirical exclamations.

"How do they get through the line?" "Yes, past a wall of bayonets?"

"When not even a soldier in uniform is allowed to move away from his command without a pass?"

"By wireless?"

"Perhaps by telepathy!"

"Unless," said the chief of the aerostatic division, grinning, "Bouchard lends them the use of our own wires through the capital and around by the neutral countries across the Brown frontier!"

"But the correct plans and location of their forts and the numbers of their heavy guns and of their planes and dirigibles—your failure to have this information is not the result of any leak from our staff since the war began," said Turcas in his dry, penetrating voice, clearing the air of the smoke of scattered explosions.

"All were staring at Bouchard again. What answer had he to this? He was in the box, the evidence stated by the prosecutor. Let him speak!"

He was fairly beside himself in a paroxysm of rage and struck at the air with his clenched fist.

"There's no purpose in that. He can't hear you!" said Turcas, dryly as ever.

"He might, through the leak," said the chief aerostatic officer, who considered that many of his gallant subordinates had lost their lives through Bouchard's inefficiency. "Perhaps Clarissa Eileen has already telepathically whispered it to him."

"To lose your temper at a staff council is most unbecoming. Turcas would have kept his if hit in the back by a fool automobilist. Westerling had now recovered his. He was again the superman in command."

"It is for you and not for us to locate the leak; yes, for you!" he said. "That is all on the subject for the present," he added in a tone of mixed pity and contempt, which left Bouchard freed from the stare of his colleagues and in the miserable company of his humiliation.

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## BELGRADE TAKEN BY SERBIANS WHO DEFEAT INVADERS

Austria Admits Retirement After Third Attempt To Conquer Neighbor

## BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS TURKISH SHIP

American Consul at Punta Arenas Wires That German Cruiser Dresden Has Reached Port Safe and Sound.

London—Immediately following news from Vienna that the Austrians had admitted a defeat in Serbia came a dispatch from Nish Monday night saying that Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, had been recaptured by the Serbians after a desperate battle.

Shortly before the receipt of the news from Serbia came official reports from Paris of successes by the Allies in violent attacks on the Germans in Belgium and still earlier came advices from Petrograd saying that the German advance on Warsaw had been definitely checked and the enemy's army from the north driven back toward the frontier.

Austrians Admit "Retirement." Austria's candid admission of defeat in Serbia, which was made before the news of the loss of Belgrade was sent out, was taken to mean the abandonment of the dual empire's third attempt to conquer her small Slav neighbor.

While attributing the failure to her enemy's superior force, the Austrian war office announces plainly an "extended retirement of troops which had fought brilliantly, but with many losses."

After saying that "against this we may place the occupation (by the Austrians) of Belgrade," the Vienna statement adds that "new decisions and measures will be taken to repel the enemy."

London accepts this statement of Vienna, where the news of Belgrade's capture had not become known at the time, as meaning that the Austrian army directed against Serbia will now assume the defensive.

The Serbians, in their reports of Monday, said they were pressing home their victory with more captures of prisoners and that they had driven part of the invading army across the Drina river.

Turkish War Ship Is Sunk. London—The British submarine B. 11, attached to the international war fleet which has been bombarding the Turkish forts at the western entrance of the Dardanelles, forced a passage of that waterway by diving beneath the mine fields with which it is lined and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh.

The Mesoudieh, which carried a crew of 600 men, was sinking rapidly by the stern when the daring submarine withdrew.

News of this bold sea raid, the first submarine attack of importance that the British have made since the war began, was announced by the admiralty through the government press bureau Monday.

The B. 11, which is commanded by Commander Holbrook of the royal navy, was compelled to feel her way among the strong and treacherous currents of the narrow Dardanelles and to dive beneath five rows of mines. At the point where the raid was made the Dardanelles is lined with powerful forts, equipped with numerous batteries of heavy guns.

Dresden Is Safe.

Washington—American consul Latam, at Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan, late Monday cabled the state department that the German cruiser Dresden had reached that port safely and uninjured.

The German embassy here issued the following statement Monday in regard to the recent battle between the British and German fleets off the coast of South America:

"According to official information eight English cruisers, among them two of the Invincible type, took part in the battle off Falkland islands. The Dresden, which arrived undamaged at Punta Arenas, intercepted a wireless message, which stated that the Goeben and Scharnhorst were sunk and that the Leipzig was burning. Nothing definite was known about the Nürnberg."

BRIEF NEWS OF WAR

St. Louis—An order for \$500,000 worth of knapsacks has been placed with a large garment factory here by the British government.

London—James Ramsay MacDonald, member of parliament and chairman of the labor party, has gone to the front with an ambulance corps, according to the Leicestershire Post. Mr. MacDonald for a time was bitterly opposed to the war.

Montreal—A walk of 1,800 miles to the nearest railway station in order to report for military service—such was the recent jaunt of Fernand Tromeur, of Fort Providence on the Mackenzie river. Tromeur is one of 25 French reservists.

Rome—The Vatican authorities Saturday made public a document setting forth the efforts made by the Pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas season. The efforts of the Pontiff unfortunately failed, according to the Vatican announcement, "owing to the opposition of a certain power." It is stated by persons in close touch with the Vatican that the Turkish and Russian governments declined to agree to a Christmas truce.

## Privileges Arising From Fellowship With God

By REV. WILLIAM EVANS, D. D., Director of Bible Course, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

TEXT—1 John 3:12-21.

Five distinct blessings are enumerated here as arising from, and enjoyed by, those who are in fellowship with God.

I. The Assurance of Personal Salvation (13). It is the privilege of every Christian to be assured of his personal salvation. To claim such assurance is not the language of charitable presumption, but a mark of confidence in the word and promise of God, who has

said that every one believing in his son has eternal life. Not to believe that statement is to make God a liar (10-11). The word "know" here does not mean merely to perceive, but to know with a settled and unquestioning knowledge. The ground of assurance of salvation lies not in our feeling but in the unchangeable word and promise of God. And yet those who accept the word of God may have the concurrent testimony of the Holy Spirit within their spirit, thus producing the feeling even of assurance.

II. Assured Answer to Personal and Individual Prayer (14, 15). The thought of assurance of salvation leads to that of boldness in prayer. If we know that we have eternal life, we know that we have boldness. If we are sons then we can speak freely with the father, and may rest assured that God not only hears but also answers our prayers. The words "according to his will" may be called a limitation of prayer, and yet it is hardly a limitation, for God's will is always best. And indeed it is just this seeming limitation that makes us free to pray; were it not so we should not feel free to open our lips to ask a blessing for fear it might be a curse, but when we know that what we ask is according to God's will we know that it can be nothing but good for us.

Unanswered yet? The prayer your lips have pleaded. In agony of heart these many years? Does faith begin to fail? Is hope departing?

And think you all in vain those falling tears? Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer! You shall have your desire, sometimes, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Tho' when you first prayed. This one petition at the Father's throne. It seemed you could not wait the time of asking.

So unused was your heart to make it known. Tho' years have passed since then, do not despair! The Lord will answer you, sometimes, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say unanswered. Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done. The work began when first your prayer was uttered.

And God will finish what he has begun. If you will keep the incense burning there. His glory you shall see, sometimes, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered. Her feet were firmly planted on the Rock. Amid the wildest storm prayer stands undaunted.

Nor quails before the loudest thunder. She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer! And cries, "It shall be done, sometime, somewhere."

III. Assured Answer to Intercessory Prayer (16, 17). We are encouraged here to pray for others and our encouragement lies in the fact that God has promised to hear and answer prayers. Two words are used in connection with prayer in this verse: "ask" and "pray," the former being used of an inferior to a superior, the latter of an equal to an equal. Some conditions of life, such as are meant by those sinning a sin unto death, permit us to "ask" only, while other conditions permit us to "pray." So, while we may not demand with certainty the conversion of the willful rejecter of Christ, we may nevertheless "ask" God in his behalf, and inasmuch as this sin unto death is left undefined we are therefore free to "ask" for all men. Here is our attitude toward our sinning brother—a blessed ministry of intercession: pray and God will give life.

IV. Assured Victory Over Sin (18, 19). In these verses we are assured that Christ, the begotten of God, keeps the Christian. Victory over sin comes through the indwelling of Christ over whom Satan has no power. The words "keepeth him" denote inward power so that there would be no fall from inward weakness. "Toucheth him not" means that he shall be delivered from outward assaults. Victory over the evil one is assured. The world may be completely in the power of Satan but the Christian is not.

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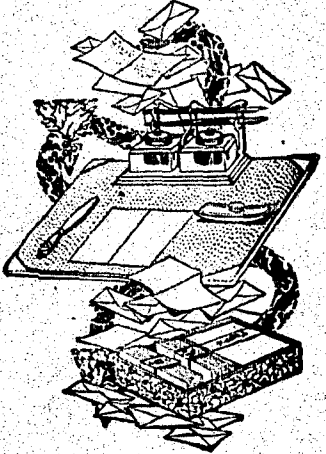


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### Listen, Daughter.

Dad knows that Christmas is coming and so does your mother and your brothers and sisters. And we all know just what will please you most. So, from present appearances, you are not to be disappointed. But you seem to have the wrong point of view about Christmas, honey, and I want to set you right. Christmas is the season for giving. Understand me? The real happiness lies in planning what you are going to do for others and then doing it. The real Christmas spirit fills only those whose thoughts are upon the happiness they hope to bestow upon their friends and upon the unfortunates who think they have no friends. It's not so much what you give as to whom you give. There's a poor woman living around the corner. No one is thinking of what she would like for Christmas. She'd be the second happiest woman in town if you were to walk in on her early Christmas morning with a gift of something warm for her to wear. The happiest woman would be my little girl who brings it. There is old Jim, who shovels the snow and carries out the ashes. Never thought of him? Well think of him to the extent of a pair of warm mittens. Knit them yourself. Don't know how? Your mother will start you. It will be twice as much fun for you and old Jim's look of gratitude when you give them to him will repay you more than all the fine phrases of all the young "bloods" to whom you send neckties they won't wear and pincushions they won't use. Try Dad's prescription, Daughter, and you'll be the happiest girl in town Christmas day. You will find that it isn't getting what you want for Christmas that makes for real joy. You'll discover something. That's right. Start now.

During the cold weather season there is much danger of fires and we wish to caution our people to use every protection to guard themselves against such disasters and losses. First all property should be fully protected by insurance. Next see that all stoves are safe and that stove pipes and chimneys are in good safe condition and further, avoid overheating the stoves. Special care should be taken in leaving fires properly checked during absence from the home. At least take these precautions.

### School Notes.

Flora Stephan has left school.  
Leece Ashenfelter visited the first grade room Monday.

The A class of the first grade will finish their reader before Christmas.

The high school will celebrate Christmas with a tree and a program of music and selected readings.

The second and third grades visited the first grade room Monday morning and listened to Christmas stories told by their teachers.

Reserved seats for the Edward Elliott entertainment will be on sale at the Central Drug store Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

Last Friday twelve of the third grade boys and girls spent part of the afternoon in the first grade room. We would like to have them come again.

We would be glad to have some of our pupils make a New Year's resolution to be more regular in attendance after the holidays. Good results can not come from irregular habits.

Edward Elliott will give the next number on the high school entertainment course at the Temple theatre next Monday night. Hear him. You will be well entertained and your patronage is needed.

Dear Santa:—Will you please bring a nice, big doll to a little boy in the tenth grade, for Christmas? He would so like one with long hair, that shuts and opens its eyes and will cry. He has never had a big doll, so don't you think you could spare him one?—A little girl who is sorry for him.

Mr. Ellsworth received a letter last week from President Cavanaugh of the University of Notre Dame. The letter speaks very highly of the work being done by Stanley Insley of the class of 1914. It is gratifying to know that the graduates of our high school do go to higher institutions of learning and make good.

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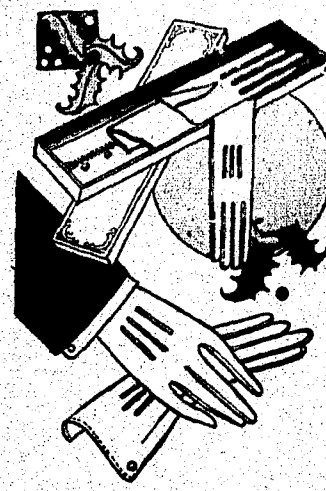
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Read the Avalanche for all the News



## College Training for Michigan Farmers

### Beginning January 4, there will be offered at the Michigan Agricultural College five separate courses along agricultural lines. These include: General Agriculture, Creamery Management, Fruit Growing, Poultry Husbandry and Cheese-making, and are each eight weeks in length. Nearly 1,400 men have taken advantage of the opportunity offered since the organization of these courses in 1907, which is evidence of their popularity.

These courses are offered during the winter months when it is most convenient for the farmer to leave home, and aside from the direct benefit from class room and laboratory work, many opportunities will be offered for his education and entertainment while at M. A. C.

The new dairy building is complete in every detail and its splendid class rooms and laboratories will be available for those taking work along dairy lines. The laboratories in soils, farm crops, farm mechanics, entomology, chemistry, etc., will all be utilized to make the courses complete and the herds of cattle, sheep and swine will be available in the study of live stock problems.

No entrance examinations are required, thus making it possible for every man who has a desire for more knowledge along his chosen line to better prepare himself for his work. The expense is surely very reasonable, there being a course fee for residents of Michigan of \$5.00 and for non-residents of \$10.00.

Some of the subjects to be considered will be the feeding, breeding and care of live stock; formation and treatment of soils, farm crops, forge and bench work, fruit growing, poultry husbandry, creamery management, cheese-making, forestry, farm engineering and farm management. All work is made intensely practical and is, therefore, intensely interesting.

Those who have taken the work in the past have returned to their homes with a new vision of the possibilities of the farm.

Circulars describing the courses offered and detailed information concerning expenses, rooming accommodations, etc., will be mailed free to any address by making application to President J. L. Snyder, East Lansing, Michigan.

There will be offered at the Michigan Agricultural College beginning January 4, an eight weeks' course for women designated as the Housekeeper's course. This course was offered for the first time last winter, and the attendance was very gratifying. The work is intensely practical and helpful and is given at the same time as the short courses in agriculture for men.

The work offered will include cooking, sewing, vegetable and landscape gardening; poultry and subjects bearing directly upon the home, such as home decoration, sanitation, nursing and reading. This course will be one of great value to Michigan housekeepers and will furnish those whose husbands decide to take one of the courses in agriculture, an opportunity to attend college at the same time.

The minimum age limit is placed at 21 years, except in the case of married women. This has been made necessary because of the fact that these women will be placed in the private homes of East Lansing and it will be impossible for the college authorities to exercise the same supervision as that given to regular women students.

Excellent laboratories for cooking and sewing have been fitted up in preparation for the course and with the facilities at hand the work will be most pleasant and profitable.

Those contemplating taking the course should write the President, J. L. Snyder, East Lansing for circular giving outline of the course and full description of the work offered. Application should be made as early as possible so that arrangements may be made for the accommodation of all who desire to attend.

## Local News

**Fifth spray**—The trees do not seem to be sprayed the fifth time but it might do some good in the trees. The fifth spray is to catch the second brood of codling in the trees. The solution used to spray the trees is the same as the fourth spray.

**Yours Truly**,  
"Locals McPress"

### Danish School Gymnastics.

(BY L. C. BUNGAARD.)  
CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

Although Sweden has known the Ling system for over one hundred years, it has not been popular there, and outside of the army and higher schools, it has not flourished to any great extent. Why is that? The reason is that the system has in most cases been taught by military persons, which is proper for soldiers, but not for those who want to do gymnastics for pleasure as well as for health. Aside from that, it still has another weak point, it has no exercises for children when we compare it with the Danish system. A child, especially a little child, cannot work with a few muscles while the others are in comparative rest. In addition to that, a child cannot make distinction between a wrong and a correct position. Gymnastics for children should give the outdoor life in concentrated form, but we must understand that it is one of the ingenious inventions of culture.

Small children are just like small savages. Hard work and injurious positions have not yet spoiled their bodies. What they need is primarily motion and as far as possible, exercises in the form of games or exercises related to games. It is not our aim to make soldiers, but to teach children to play in a good way and bring even the most timid ones into the game. Here is where the Danish Ling system has its most prominent feature. The Danish Physical Training Institute, which is about fifteen years old, has been directed by teachers of excellent pedagogical, as well as gymnastic ability, and the pupils from that institute have been in most cases ordinary teachers with the practical experience of handling children. This is the difference which now exists between Danish and Swedish Ling system—the difference being expressed mainly in our graded school gymnastics. As the system compels us to cleave to the correct forms, the art of giving the right kind of exercises lies in choosing those exercises which may not by any means be wrongly executed. In choosing games, we strive to give them the easiest kind, as singing games, games for imitations, etc., and especially where there is something to do for many children, or games where every child is playing. It is most important to hold the interest, but we must not do it in a way that we consider pleasure the only object. The pleasure must be combined with the effort of training harmonious and strong bodies. However, there are but few teachers gifted in this way.

One of the rapid advancements of school gymnastics in Denmark has been that the government has offered numerous free courses for all teachers who care to study along that line. When the day comes that parents ask what their children can do in the gymnasium as well as in the school room, the coming generation will be better than it is today.

(To be continued)

### Letter From Thomas Croteau.

Allen B. Failing in his receipt of a brief but interesting letter from Thomas Croteau, an old resident of Grayling, but now of California. As his old acquaintances here will be interested we take the liberty to publish the same.

"We got our first rain of the season Dec. 1st, so now I will have to get busy and put in my garden. I have X acre which sounds small to you Michigan folks, but it keeps me busy and it is all I want here. I have 26 five-year old fruit trees and 15 grape vines. We have all the fruit we can use.

"I am still a conductor on the inter-urban electric road. It is about as good a thing as a fellow can get here, for all common work is done by Mexicans and Japs.

"If you ever come to Los Angeles don't forget to look me up in Sherman. We are just two miles from the west city limits of Los Angeles. Kindly remember me to all my Grayling acquaintances and accept the well wishes of your friend,

THOMAS CROTEAU,  
Sherman, Los Angeles Co., California."

### Uses of Tungsten.

Tungsten is used principally as an alloy of high-speed steel—that is, steel used in making tools—used in metal-turning lathes running at high speed—to which it imparts the property of holding temper at higher temperatures than carbon steels will, according to the United States Geological Survey. The now well-known ductile tungsten is used for incandescent lamps, which are fast displacing carbon lamps. Recently greatly improved lamps, in which the wire is wound in helices and in which the globes are filled with nitrogen, have produced a close approach to white light. These lamps are furnished in candle powers up to 2,000. Ductile tungsten is practically insoluble in all the common acids; its melting point is higher than that of any other metal, its tensile strength exceeds that of iron and nickel, it is perennate, it can be drawn to smaller sizes than any other metal (0.0001 inch in diameter), and its specific gravity is 70 per cent higher than that of lead.

## Local News

**James Jones of Chicago**—He is a local of Lewis' Drug store.

**Christmas** is a day of rejoicing and feasting, as well as a gift day.

**Geo. Hodge** is spending the week visiting in Bay City and Saginaw.

**Victor Peterson** of LeGrand visited his parents the fore part of the week.

**Joe Kraus** made a trip to Cheboygan, Oshtemo and Posen the first of the week.

**Miss Lillian Bates** left Monday for Detroit to visit for an indefinite length of time.

**Come in and see** the useful gifts that I carry and at the right prices. F. Dreese.

**Romaine Charron**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arfield Charron, is seriously ill at his home.

**Mrs. Leroy Barber** visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Turner at Vanderbilt last week.

**Miss Nola Sheehy** returned Monday morning from Detroit, after an enjoyable two weeks' vacation.

**Mrs. Quinlan**, wife of Professor Quinlan of the Johannesburg schools, was brought to Mercy hospital last week for treatment.

All the young folks who are attending the different schools and colleges are expected home next week to spend their holiday vacations.

**Miss Bernadette Cassidy**, who is attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids is expected home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cassidy.

**J. S. Kelley** and daughter and Miss Vera Cameron of Frederic were business callers here Saturday. Mr. Kelley is manager of the Walsh Manufacturing Co. at Frederic.

A few changes have been made in the post office. The money order window has been moved to the center of the office for the convenience of the public, which is a good improvement.

**Miss Edna McCullough** entertained the members of the Stunt club last Wednesday evening by taking them to the movies at the opera house and afterwards serving delicious refreshments at her home.

**Peter Jensen**, night watchman in the big mill, has received a card from Alexander Berghagen, who was formerly a resident of this city. He is a soldier with the English troops on the frontier in Canada.

**Mrs. Joseph Leadbeater** of Vanderbilt, a former resident of this city, underwent a serious operation at Grace hospital in Detroit last week. She is reported as getting along as well as could be expected. Mrs. Leadbeater is a sister of Mrs. Leroy Barber of this city.

A traveling man got into a controversy with one of the phone girls in Atlantic City, and while somewhat excited told the young lady to "Just keep her shirt on." The manager of the exchange went to the gentleman and told him he had better apologize. He rang central and asked "Are you the young lady I told to keep her shirt on?" "I sure am," she snapped back. "Well, it's all right with me; you can take it off if you want to," was his apology.

When the grasshopper ceases to hop and the old cow quits her bawling; when the fishes no longer hop and the baby stops its qualling; when the dunnies no longer dun—and the hoot owl quits its hooting; when the riders ever cease to run and the burglar stops his tooling; when the vine no longer runs and the skylark stops its larking; when the sun no longer shines and the young man quits his sparking; when the heavens begin to drop and the old maids stop advising, then it is time to shut up shop and quit your advertising.

**Henry Stephan** and wife and Perry Ostrander were delegates last week to the grand meeting of the State Grange, at Battle Creek, as representatives of the local Grange organizations. They report a very successful meeting and are strong in their appreciation of John Ketcham, master of the State Grange, whose strong personality, business ability and spirit of fairness is doing a great deal for the organization. They say that the business men of Battle Creek fairly out-did themselves in entertaining the 800 delegates present.

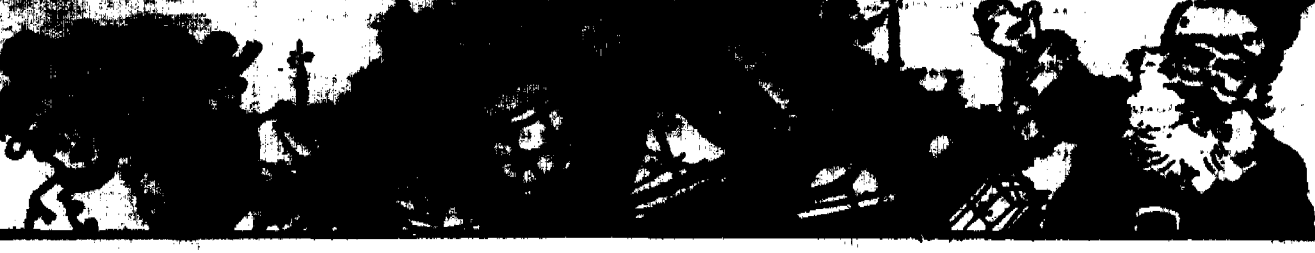
If your husband or father smokes and you wish to remember him with a Christmas box of cigars, we will be glad to assist you in selecting the brand he smokes. It is our opinion that at least 95 per cent of the smokers in Grayling buy some of their cigars in our store, thus giving us a good knowledge of every man's likes in this line. Our fine brands of cigars, which are kept in a state of perfection because we know how, have made our store the recognized center for all that is good in cigars. You may leave your order at any time for later delivery if so desired. Lewis' Drug store.

**Lowsay's** and other delicious chocolates, in handsome Christmas boxes. Candles in bulk or boxes. Central Drug store.

**Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.**

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am now afflicted with it in the winter, and I know that it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. S. McClain, Erie, Pa. For sale by all druggists.

## Santa's Headquarters



**H**AVING just returned from the city where I made some extraordinary purchases in various lines, I am able to announce to the many customers of Grayling and vicinity I found just what I was looking for. It being late, as the rush of the season is past in the holiday line in the wholesale jobbing district, this was just the time to secure some broken lots in chinaware, and believe me you will agree with me when you visit this store that I fully know the game, that's the most important part of all buying. Look at the articles I here enumerate and above all things don't wait until the last week. Let every day be a shopping day. Bargains of new articles well bought don't last long. Now bear in mind anything laid away

until Xmas. No trouble to show goods at this store. In case any article not being up to your expectations return the same and the best of treatment will be accorded you, as this is my best desire. I here extend to you a courteous invitation to my Xmas opening the coming Wednesday and lasting until the 26th of December. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

You never had a better chance to buy Black Coney, Russian Mink, Persian and Russian Mink. These are furs that will surprise you if I told you you could save \$4.00 and \$5.00 on these muffs.

For the Ladies	For the Men	Don't forget our \$18.00 line of all wool samples also the Royal Tailors which line can not be beat for price and quality.
Everything in ladies' Hosiery; in cotton and wool, from 10c to 50c Fine line of ladies' Handkerchiefs at 5c each Ladies' Handkerchiefs at 10c, 3 in a box at 25c Ladies' fine linen Handkerchiefs at 20c and 25c Ladies' fine linen lace handkerchiefs at 50c each, six in box Fine line of ladies' Tango Pins set with brilliants, at 50c; also a few Tango Butterfly Hair Ornaments of jet black at 50c Ladies' Kid Gloves in black, white and tan Ladies' Corsets at 50c to \$3.00 Ladies' Head Throws at 50c to \$1.25	Men's Canvas Gloves, 10c value, for 8c Men's Canvas Gloves, 12 1/2c value, 10c Men's Canvas Gloves 15c Men's Canvas Mitts, 15c values, for 10c Men's work Gloves 25, 50, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 Men's Dress Gloves in kids and suede, 95c, 1.00, 1.25 and \$1.50 Men's Dress Socks 10, 15, 18, 20, 25, 35 and 50c Men's Work Socks 10, 15, 18, 20, 25, 35, 50 and 60c Men's Handkerchiefs 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 50c each Fine line of Men's Ties at 25, 35, 50, 75c, 1.00 and \$1.25 Fine line of men's 50c Silk Ties at 35c Men's Dress Pants at 2.50 to \$4.50 Men's Work Pants at 98c to \$3.50 Men's Suits in browns and blue serges, value \$15, for \$12.50 Men's Suits in browns and blue serges, value \$18, for \$15 Men's Suits in browns and blue serges, value \$10, for \$8.85 Men's Suits in browns and blue serges, value \$8.50, for \$5.75 Men's Overcoats in browns and blacks, value \$15, for \$11.85 Boys' overcoats, one lot 8 to 18, \$4 values, for \$2.48 One lot child overcoats, 4 to 8, val. 2.50, for \$1.89 Men's Overcoats in browns and blues, values \$8.50, for \$4.95 Only have 18 of these coats left and expect to sell them all before the 10th of February. A few men's Mackinaws left at 4.95, 7.00, 8.00 and \$9.50	Men's special line of Rubbers for 1.85, 1.98, 2.39, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75 and \$4.00
<b>Birds on Stilts and Animals on Foot</b> Birds 10c Lamps 25c Vases, all colors, 5c each Checkers and Boards 5 and 10c Drums for real boys 25c Teddy Bears 25c Boys' Gauntlet Jersey Gloves 10c Xmas Tree Ornaments 5c each Beautiful hand decorated Celery Trays, hand decorated Fruit Dishes at prices that will surprise you To the mothers: I have a good line of children's wool and cotton hose, black, tan and white that will make excellent Xmas gifts and something that is useful Small Cups and Saucers 5c Large Cups and Saucers, decorated 10c Large Cups and Saucers, china, 15c Large Cups and Saucers, china, beautifully decorated, 20 and 25c Large Cups and Saucers, china, beautifully decorated, 50c Large Cups and Saucers, china, extraordinary gilt, 50c		
<b>Now for Something in "Toyland"</b> Dolls 1c to \$1.25 Rocking Chairs, good size rockers, for 35c Candles! Candles! Candles! Candles only 10c per box, 3 for 25c Horns for the little ones 5 and 10c Children's Banks 5 and 10c Children's tin Dishes, set 10 and 15c Children's China Dishes, set 25 and 50c		
<b>Ladies' Coats are going fast and to realize my prices for quality we are offering; come in and look this line over</b> A few Ladies' Sweaters going at 1.39, 1.69, 2.00, 2.39, 2.78, up to \$5 Ladies' Waists at all prices from 50c to \$4.00 Fine line of ladies' Lace Collars from 48c to \$1.50 Battenberg Center Pieces from 1.48 to \$2.98 Battenberg Dresser Scarfs \$1.48 Ladies' Necklace, regular value \$3, for \$1.50, while they last, velvet box Ladies' Necklace, regular value 4.50 for \$2.00, while they last Ladies' Hand Bags and Purses at lowest prices and just the thing for an Xmas gift		

On account of space in this store and to avoid crowding please bear in mind to shop early in the day, as the store is decorated for the occasion. No time or pains have been spared to make this one of the attractive, if not the most attractive, holiday emporium in this locality. Every article marked in plain figures and clerks to wait on you. Any errors or any faults during the holidays report to me without hesitancy.

**Frank Dreese**  
Opposite the Court House

**Crawford Avalanche and**  
**Detroit Tribune** Daily except Sunday  
**Both Papers for \$2.50 a Year**



## THE WAR REVENUE TAX IS SURPRISE

NEW TAXATION WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT DEC. 1, TOUCHES NEARLY EVERYBODY.

Many Local Businesses Men Will Feel the Burden, While the Consumer Will Eventually Have to Pay.

The recent visit of a revenue collector has been an eye opener to our business men and women. According to the schedule there will be several "holes in the profits" among those affected by the "war tax" imposition.

The movies get a touch for \$16 every six months, being \$2.67 every month.

Every pool room will have to come across with about \$5 for each table; whether the tables belong to lodges or not.

Halls or theatres where traveling companies present their performances, will be assessed \$25, and it will undoubtedly include all lodges or buildings rented or used by the public for other than religious or lodge purposes.

Every store that sells cigars or tobacco, candy stores, groceries where tobacco is sold will be called upon to pay a \$5 tax for the privilege.

It may be barely possible that this assessment of "war tax" will be all that will be required.

The other taxes going into effect all call for stamps, and here is the schedule:

Bonds, debentures or certificates of indebtedness, etc., for each \$100, 5 cents.

Certificates of stock transfers, for each \$100, 2 cents.

Sales of products at exchanges, for each \$100, 1 cent.

Promissory notes, for each \$100, 2 cents.

Express receipts, 1 cent.

Freight receipts or domestic bills of lading, 1 cent.

Bonds of indemnity and bonds not otherwise specified, 50 cents.

Certificates of profit, for each \$100, 2 cents.

Certificates of damage, 25 cents.

Certificates not otherwise specified, 10 cents.

Broker's contract, 10 cents.

Conveyances, exceeding \$100, for each \$500, 50 cents.

Entry of goods at custom house (according to value), 25¢ to \$1.00.

Entry for withdrawal of goods from customs bonded warehouse, 50 cents.

Marine, inland and fire, on each \$1 of premium charged, 3¢.

Casualty, fidelity and guaranty, on each \$1 of premium charged, 1/2 cent.

Passage ticket (according to value), \$1 to \$5.00.

Power of attorney to vote, 10 cents.

Power of attorney, 25 cents.

Protest of note, check, etc., 25 cents.

Sleeping and parlor car tickets, 1 cent.

Perfumery and cosmetics and other similar articles, graduated as to retail value, from one-eighth of one cent to five-eighths of one cent for each 25-cent value.

Chewing gum or substitutes, 4 cents for \$1 retail value or fraction thereof.

Stamps to be attached to each package, carton or phial.

All stamps must be stamped of in-

cluded and dated by party affixing, to avoid future use.

All foreign instruments registered in the United States must be stamped. A penalty of \$50 is provided for handling or selling any articles liable to tax without a stamp.

## Local News

Better three hours too soon than one minute too late.

George Olson made a business trip to Baginaw Friday last.

Noble Carpenter of Gaylord is here visiting his brother Frank.

Shaeffer's self-filling fountain pens—ideal presents—at Lewis' Drug store.

Mrs. Lamont is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Cramer.

Stop and think of it. We guarantee our laundry work at the antiseptic barber shop. Walter Cowell, proprietor.

Miss Clara and Will Moore returned to their home in Burt, Michigan, after spending a week with their sister, Mrs. Jane Standard.

Get your Revenue Stamp cancellers at this office. Prices 90¢ and \$1.00. Always up-to-date with the new requirements. Avalanche.

It is easy to be noble among the noble. The difficult thing is to keep the nobility of one's nature unperturbed among the petty and ignoble.

The brands of cigars that are just right to suit particular smokers. Special Xmas boxes. Also pipes, cigar holders, humidors, etc., at the Central Drug store.

The Danish violinist, Axel Skovgaard, who gave a most interesting and enjoyable recital here last year, will come again in February and give one of his famous concerts. This will be given under the auspices of Danish Young People's society.

John Hanna, supervisor, and Ivory R. Gile, highway commissioner of Beaver Creek township, were in Lansing last week in the interest of their township. Beaver Creek finished a mile of gravel highway this year and there seemed to be some delay in getting the state reward, however an official notice came from the State department Saturday stating that full reward had been allowed, proving that the efforts of the above gentlemen had not been fruitless.

There are six women to one man in the teaching profession in Michigan, and the average wage is \$44 a month.

While she was president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Philip N. Moore traveled over seventy-five thousand miles.

In every 1,000 marriages solemnized in Great Britain 21 are between first cousins. Among the nobility the rate is much higher, amounting to 45 in 1,000.

Young women of good education can enter the government service in England with unequalled salary prospects, freedom from worry and abundant leisure.

Two-thirds of the world's best crop is used in sugar-making.

Bibles printed in 70 languages are required for Canadian circulation.

The range of vision of a caterpillar is limited to two-fifths of an inch.

In the whole world there are but 70 specimens of the egg of the great auk.

Ability to read and write is one of the requirements for voters in Portugal.

Antwerp, one of the four largest ports in the world, is 53 miles from the sea.

In the matter of exports the United States is rapidly overtaking Great Britain and Germany.

More than one hundred thousand pedestrians and twenty thousand vehicles pass over London bridge daily.

A hansom type of vehicle, which was once seen in numbers in London, now occupies a place in a London museum.

It is said that a minimum of from five to seven million horse power could be developed in the Appalachian mountains in the South.

Everybody likes the person who knows how to make a long story short.—Toledo Blade.

Nothing makes an angry man so unreasonable as to tell him to be reasonable.—Deseret News.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Knoxville, Ohio, writes:

"About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I had tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of these sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.

Josh Billings' Philosophy

There are no more things to be thought of than to be thought of.

It is a mistake to think that you can get away with anything.

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## Christmas Toys and Books

## Display of Holiday Goods

You are given the opportunity to inspect and choose your presents from a stock that has been selected with special reference to supplying all of the wants of the average buyer in holiday goods. Look over our stock now. It is easy to select a Christmas gift that will be appreciated.

### Everything in Furniture



We are splendidly prepared to supply your wants. These are a few of the many pieces suitable for presents:

A fine parlor suit in tapestry, three pieces.....\$75.00  
Buffets, prices from.....\$12.00 to \$42.00  
Dressers.....8.50 to 28.00  
Davenport.....27.00 to 58.00  
Couches.....10.00 to 28.00  
Library Tables.....4.00 to 22.00  
Pedestals.....2.00 to 8.00

### A Splendid Stock of Rockers

Oak Cocker Seat Rockers \$2.50 and up  
Leather Seat Rockers range from \$7.50 to \$10.00 and \$12.00.  
Extra Large Tapestry and Leather Rockers \$14.00 to \$32.00.

### A Few of Our Xmas Specials

Vacuum Sweepers.....\$5.50  
Eagle Fountain Pens.....1.25  
Jno. Holland Fountain Pens 1.50 2.00  
Alger Books.....10c  
Framed Pictures, complete with glass and backing.....25c  
Family Scales.....90c  
Rugs, 3 ft. x 5 ft.....1.36  
Cut Glass Vases.....25c  
Jap Tea Cups.....10c

A Big Assortment of 10c and 25c China

### A few suggestions for the busy shopper

#### For Men

Smoker Sets  
Tobacco Jars  
Necktie Boxes  
Necktie Racks  
Brushes in Sets  
Pipe Racks  
Wine Sets



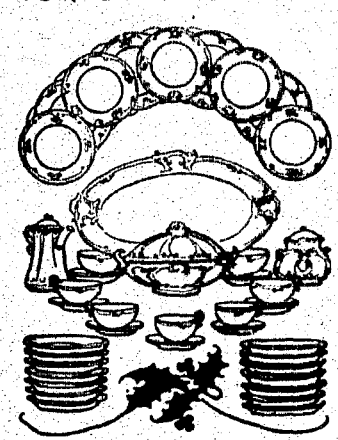
#### For Ladies

Bread and Butter Plates  
Mirrors, wall and hand  
Shopping Bags  
Work Boxes  
Pictures

### Suitable Presents for Children of All Ages

Are plentiful and well displayed.  
Dolls, Balls, Games, Books, Drinking Mugs, Tea Sets, Stoves, Tables, Chairs, Black Boards, Rocking Horses, Air Rifles, Etc., Etc.

### OUR CHINA SECTION



Is just jammed full of beautiful things. Odd dishes of all descriptions, in sets or by the piece. Hand painted or the ordinary decorated at various prices to suit the pocketbook. We are sure you will enjoy looking over this line.

### Dinner Sets

It is good news to the consumer that we maintain the old prices on Haviland and other imported dinner ware, while it has been reported that large china houses in our cities have advanced 25 to 40 per cent. Let this be a warning to you to buy now. We always carry a good stock of imported and domestic ware.

Prices per hundred piece sets in semi-porcelain \$7.75, 16.50, 19.00.

In china \$21.00, 22.00, 43.75, 57.00, 65.00, 75.00, 109.50.

All open stock. We can fill in on any of them. This is a service you will appreciate.

## Sorenson Brothers

We give Green Trading Stamps with all cash purchases  
The House of Dependable Furniture

### For Sale.

80 acres unimproved land two miles northeast of Grayling, the foundation for a first class farm. Can be bought on easy terms for part, for \$800.00.

40 acres, one-half mile from the village; 7 acres in pasture; entire 40 fenced. About ten acres low land, balance good farming land; sawing timber removed. Price \$600.00.

15 acres 1/2 of a mile from the village limits; 5 acres cleared; orchard and small fruits growing nicely. Hewn log house, 3 rooms, good cellar. Stable and shed and good well, for less than cost of improvements, \$300.00.

10 acres improved land, all fenced, nearly opposite T-town; one mile north of village; just right to be divided into large village lots for workmen in the mills and yards, and purchaser can double his money. Can be bought for \$200.00.

O. Palmer.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is a senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Subscribed to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### NOTICE.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per cent additional thereto, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of land situated in Crawford county, state of Michigan. Southwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Sec. 26, Town 28 N., Range 4 W. Amount paid \$4.69, tax for years 1892 and 1894.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$22.38 to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Yours respectfully, THOMAS McDONALD, Place of business, Lawiston, Mich. Dated September, A. D. 1914.

To Albert Knott, Grantee under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.

Proof of failure of service. State of Michigan. County of Crawford, ss. I do hereby Certify and Return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of the within named Albert Knott or the heirs or the whomever or postoffice address of the executor, administrator or trustee or guardian of said Albert Knott.

My fees, \$1.25.

HOMER G. BENDIX, Sheriff of said County.

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Yours respectfully, LOUIS A. GARDNER, Administrator of the estate of John West.

Place of business, Frederic, Mich. Dated Oct. 12, A. D. 1914.

To B. H. Webster, East Baginaw, Michigan, grantee under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.

Dorothy A. Seder, Frederic, Michigan, grantee under the last recorded tax deed to said land issued by the Auditor General.

Proof of failure of service. State of Michigan. County of Crawford, ss. I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of

the within named S. H. Webster nor of Dorothy A. Seder, or the heirs, or the whereabouts or postoffice address of the executors, administrators, or trustees or guardians of the said S. H. Webster or Dorothy A. Seder. My fees \$1.25.

HOMER G. BENDIX, Sheriff of said county. Nov 26-4w

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling in said County, on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1914.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas McElroy, deceased.

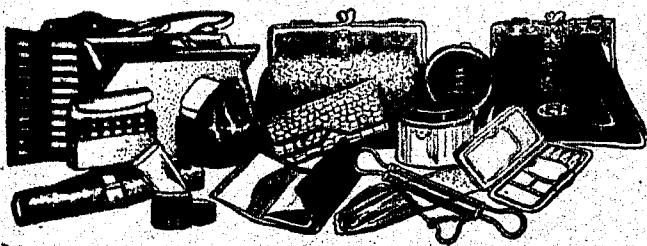
Edward B. Houghton having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.





## Buy Your Gifts From Us

Our prices are reasonable and our goods are the best. Our selections are complete



Sheaffer Self Filling Pens at prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00  
White Ivory at prices from 25c to \$4.00  
Fancy Stationery for 10c to \$3.00 per box  
Perfumes and Toilet Waters from 25c to \$6.00 per pkg.

Christmas Boxes of Cigars  
Books of all the latest titles  
Good Books for boys and girls  
from 25c up  
Thermos Bottles, Harmonicas

Toilet Sets  
Military Sets  
Christmas Decorations  
White Tissue Paper  
Seals and Stickers

In fact it would take this entire page to mention all

Come in and see us. We are always glad to show goods, even if you do not buy one thing

### A. M. LEWIS.

THE BUSY DRUGGIST

P. S.—Call for one of our Famous Weather Charts

### Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

Central Drug store for the new things in Christmas goods.

Those who are much together grow singularly alike as time goes on.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson, Phone 853. Open day and night.

In idleness alone there is perpetual despair.

For her Xmas present buy her a set of furs, Grayling Mercantile Co.

We have the nicest assortment of Xmas seals and stickers that we have ever had. Lewis' Drug store.

Remember Frank carries the Florheim shoe that would make an excellent Christmas gift. F. Dreese.

Foresters Camp 653 held their meeting Thursday evening and elected their new officers for the ensuing year. A chicken pie supper was served after the meeting.

Highest market price for furs at F. Dreese's.

No individual in the world can do a mother's work for her.

Cards, card sets, tally cards in endless variety at Lewis' Drug store.

For her Christmas present, get a well set of furs. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Mrs. W. T. Hammond attended the funeral of her sister in Bay City last Wednesday.

Citizens' Band concert tonight at the Temple theatre. Everybody turn out and give the boys a good hand.

The Hospital Aid society are meeting at the home of Mrs. S. N. Insley this afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Belmore and children left this morning for a short visit in Detroit. Mr. Belmore accompanied them and will return tomorrow.

This is the time of the year that I am taking a few orders on tailor made clothes. A new line of latest samples just arrived to fill in. F. Dreese.

Don't be disappointed by ordering your magazine subscriptions from agents. We guarantee delivery on every subscription we furnish. Lewis' Drug store.

Miss Ida Wagner of Riverton, Michigan, a sister of Mrs. Mills and Clara Wagner, is here to be with her sister at the hospital and also spend a few days with Mrs. Mills.

Miss Anna Riess of Ludington, Michigan, sister of Father Riess, underwent a very serious operation for appendicitis at Mercy hospital, this city, last Thursday. Dr. Insley performed the operation. The patient is recovering very nicely.

Game Warden Babbitt in making his official report to the State Game Warden department stated that there had been, as nearly as he was able to ascertain, 139 deer killed in Crawford county and 71 in Roscommon county. Also there were two accidents reported among the hunters.

Invitations are about to be issued for the annual Moose ball and banquet. This will be held in the Temple theatre on New Year's night. As usual the members are planning on having a party that will be in keeping with this festive occasion and intend to see that every attendant has the "best time ever."

The model housekeeper of today who is cultured and refined, and yet enjoys domestic life, who knows how to care for the money brought into the home by the husband, how to use it wisely and well for the comfort of her family, certainly understands domestic economy and should be an object lesson held up for study in the town in which she lived.

Miss Clara Wagner of Riverton, Mich., a sister of Mrs. Tillie Mills, was operated on here last Friday for goitre at Mercy hospital by Dr. Insley. This is always a very critical operation and one that is generally performed by specialists, but Dr. Insley again proved that he is also a specialist in this line for the operation was a very successful one and the patient is rapidly recovering.

When you want candy that is candy, buy Liggett's at Lewis' Drug Store.

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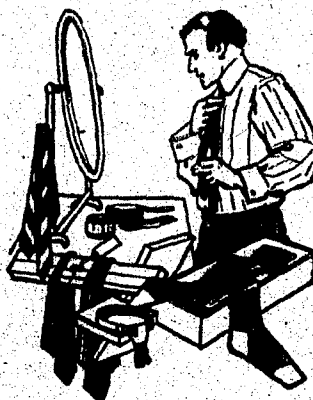
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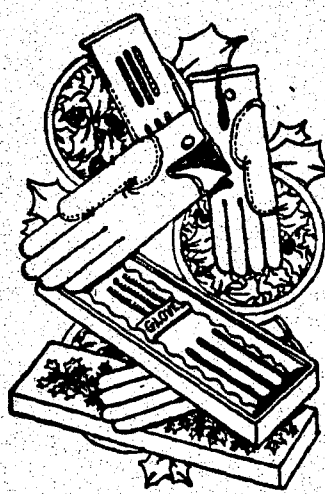
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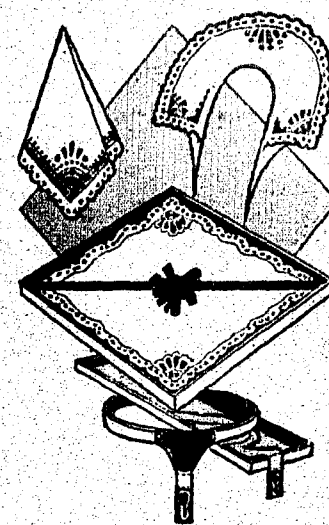
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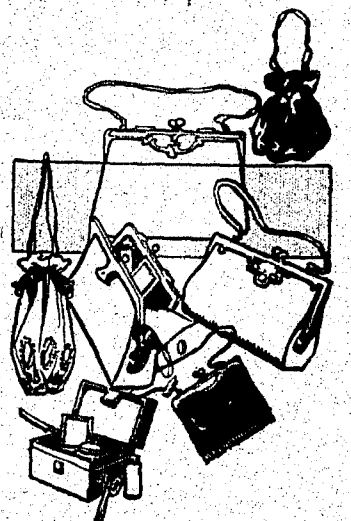
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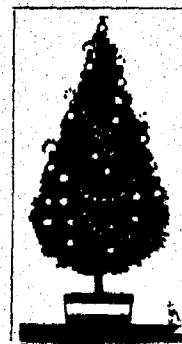
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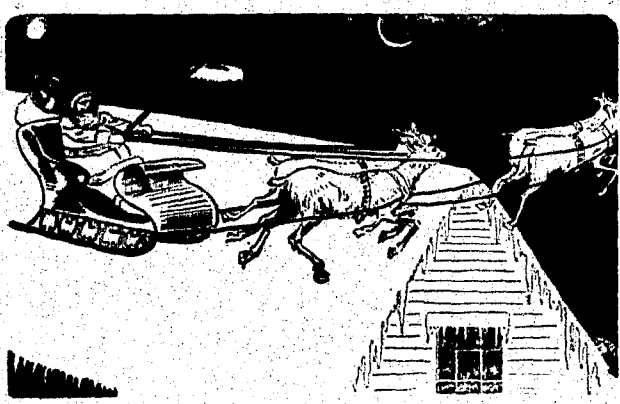
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# The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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## SYNOPSIS.

Stanley Hargreave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the den of the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eighteen years. Hargreave accidentally meets Braine, leader of the Black Hundred. Knowing Braine will try to get him to escape from his own home by a balloon. Before escaping he writes a letter to the girl school, where eighteen years before he mysteriously left on the doorstep his baby daughter, Florence Gray. That day Hargreave also draws one million dollars from the bank, but it is reported that this dropped into the sea when the balloon he escaped in was punctured. Florence arrives from the girls' school. Countess Olga, Braine's companion, visits her and claims to be a relative. Two bogus detectives call, but their plot is foiled by Norton, a newspaper man. By bribing the captain of the Orient Norton lays a trap for Braine and his gang. The plan proves abortive. Braine's good luck. After failing in their first attempt, the Black Hundred try Florence. The captain for money, but she escapes, again foiling them. Norton and the countess call on Florence the next day, and she tells them of her visitations having gone. Jones removes a section of flooring, and from a cavity takes a box. Braine and his gang, the Black Hundred, rush to the water front and succeeds in dropping the box into the sea. Braine conceives the idea of giving a coaching party, to which Florence is invited. Jones and Norton both go along, and are fortunately on hand to save Florence from being imprisoned in the country house to which she is lured. Braine plans to capture Florence while she is horseback riding.

## CHAPTER VII—Continued.

Meantime Florence was walking her mount slowly. For once the scenery passed unobserved. She was deeply agitated with thoughts, some of which were happy and some of which were sad. If only her father could be with her she would be the happiest girl alive.

She was brought out of her reverie by the sight of a man staggering along the road ahead of her. Finally he plunged upon his face in the road like the tattered, demoralized girl she was, she stopped, wondered, and ran to the fallen man to give him aid. She suddenly found her wrists clasped in two hands like iron. The man rose to his feet, smiling evilly. She struggled wildly but futilely.

"Better be sensible," he said. "I am stronger than you are. And I don't wish to hurt you. Walk on ahead of me. It will be utterly useless to scream or cry out. You can see for yourself that we are in a deserted part of the road. If you will promise to act sensibly I shan't lay a hand on you. Do you see that yonder, near the fork in the road? We'll stop there. Now, march!"

"She dropped her handkerchief, later her bracelet, and finally her crop, in hope that these slight clues might bring her help. She knew that Jones would hear of the fire, and, finding that she had not returned with the riding master, would immediately start out in pursuit. She was beginning to grow very fond of Jones, who never spoke unless spoken to, who was always at hand, faithful and loyal.

From afar came the low rumble of a motor. She wondered if her captor heard it. He did, but his ears tricked



"Better Be Sensible," He Said.

him into believing that it came from another direction. Eventually they arrived at the hut, and Florence was forced to enter. The man looked the door and waited outside for the automobile which he was expecting. He was rather dumfounded when he saw that it was coming from the city, not going toward it.

It was Norton. The riderless horse told him enough; the handkerchief and bracelet and crop led him straight for the hut.

The man before the hut realized by this time that he had made a mistake. He attempted to re-enter the hut and prepare to defend it till his companions have in sight. But Florence, recognizing Norton, held the door with all her strength. The man snarled and turned upon Norton, only to receive a smashing blow on the jaw.

Norton flung open the door. "Into the car, Florence! There's another car coming up the road. Hurry!" It was not a long chase. The car of the auto bandits, looking like an ordinary taxicab, was a high-power machine, and it gained swiftly on Norton's four-cylinder. The reporter waited grimly.

"Keep your head down!" he warned Florence. "I'm going to take a pot at their tires when they get within range. If I miss I'm afraid we'll have trouble.

"WITH A CORPORAL'S GUARD" Single-Handed Victories of the Past Seem to Have Been Duplicated in Alsace.

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One such occurrence has been re-

Under no circumstances attempt to leave this car. Here they come!" He suddenly leaned back and fired. It was only chance. The manner in which the cars were lurching made a poor target for a marksman even of the first order. Chance directed Norton's first bullet into the right forward tire, which exploded. Going at sixty odd miles an hour, they could not stop the car in time to avoid fatality. The car careened wildly and plunged down the embankment into the river.

Florence covered her eyes with her hands, and, quite unconscious of what he was doing, Norton put his arms around her.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### The Wiles of a Woman.

After the affair of the auto bandits—three of whom were killed—a full-fledged. If you're a sailor you know what kind of a lull in mean—blue-black clouds down the southwest horizon, the water crinkly, the booms wabbling. Suddenly a series of "accidents" began to happen to Norton. At first he did not give the matter much thought. The safe which fell almost at his feet and crashed through the sidewalk merely induced him to believe he was lucky. At another time an automobile came furiously around a corner while he was crossing the street, and only amazing agility saved him from bodily hurt. The car was out of sight when he thought to recall the number.

Then came the job in the subway. Only a desperate grab by one of the guards saved him from being crushed to death. Even then he thought nothing. But when a new box of cigarettes arrived and he tried one and found it strangely perfumed, and upon further analysis, found it to contain a Japanese narcotic, a slow but sure death, he became wide awake enough. They were after him. He began to walk carefully, to keep in public places as often as he possibly could.

He was not really afraid of death, but he did abhor the thought of its coming up from behind. Except for the cigarettes they were all "accidents," he could not have proved any friends before a jury of his intimate friends.

He never entered an elevator without scrupulous care. He never passed under coverings over the sidewalks where construction was going on. Still, careful as he was, death came him once more. It was his habit to have his coffee and roll—rarely ate anything more for his breakfast—set down outside his door every morning. The coffee, being in a silver thermos bottle, kept its heat for hours. When he took the stopper out and poured forth a cup, it looked oddly black, discolored. It is quite probable that had there been no series of "accidents," he would have drunk a cup and died in mortal agony. It contained bichloride of mercury.

Very quietly he set about to make inquiries. This was really becoming serious. In the kitchens downstairs nothing could be learned. The maid had set the thermos bottle before the door at 10:30. Norton had opened the door at 1:30—three hours after. The outlook was not the cheeriest. He knew perfectly well why all these things "happened," he had interfered with the plans of the scoundrels who were making every possible move to kidnap Florence Hargreave.

One afternoon he paid Florence a visit. Of course he told her nothing. They had become secretly engaged the day after he had rescued her from the auto bandits. They were secretly engaged because Florence wanted it so. For once Jones suspected nothing. Why should he? He had troubles enough. As a matter of fact, Norton was afraid of him in the same sense as a boy is afraid of a policeman.

But on this day, when the time came, he accosted the butler and drew him into the pantry.

"Jones, they are after me now."

"You? Explain."

Norton briefly recounted the deliberate attempts against his life.

"You see, I'm not liar enough to say that I'm not worried. I am, devilishly worried. I'm not worth any ransom. I'm in the way, and they seem determined to put me out of it."

"To any other man I would say travel. But to you I say when you leave your rooms don't go where you first thought you would—that is, some usual haunt. They'll be everywhere, near your restaurants, your clubs, your office. You're a methodical young man; become erratic. Keep away from home for at least three days, but always call me up by telephone some time during the day. Never under any circumstance, unless I send for you, come here at night. Only one man watches the house during the day, but five are prowling around after dark. They might have instructions to shoot you on sight. I can't spare you just at present, Mr. Norton. You've been a good friend; and it seems that sometimes I did not

trust you fully, it was because I was not sure to drag you in too deep."

Deep? Norton thought of Florence and smiled inwardly. Could anybody be in deeper than he was? Once it was on the tip of his tongue to confess his love for Florence, but the gravity of Jones' countenance was an obstacle to such move; it did not invite it.

To be sure, Jones had no real authority to say what Florence should or should not do with her heart. Still, from all points of view, it was better to keep the affair under the rose till there came a more propitious hour in which to make the disclosure.

Love, in the midst of all these alarms! Sharp, desperate rogues on one side, millions on the other, and yet love could enter the scene serenely, like an actor who had missed his cue and came on too soon.

Oddly enough, there was no real love-making such as you often read about. A pressure of the hand, a glance from the eye, there was seldom anything more. Only once—that memorable day on the river road—had he kissed her. No word of love had been spoken on either side. In that wild moment all conventionalities had disappeared like smoke in the wind. There had been neither past nor future, only the present in which they knew that they loved. With her he was happy, for he had no time to plan for the future. Away from her he saw the inevitable barriers providing against the marriage between a poor young man and a very rich young woman. A man who has any respect for himself wants always to be on



Norton Put His Arms Around Her.

equal terms with his wife. It's the way this peculiar organization called society has written down its rules. Doubtless a relic of the stone age, when Ab went out with his club to seek a wife and drag her by the hair to his den, there to care for her and to guard her with his life's blood. It is one of the few primitive sensations that remain to us, this wanting the female dependent upon the male. Perhaps this accounts for man's lack of interest on the suffragette question.

Only Susan suspected the true state of affairs, being a woman. Having had no real romance herself, she delighted in having a second-hand one, as you might say. She intercepted many a glance and pretended not to see the stolen hand pressures. The wedding was already full drawn in her mind's eye. These two young people should be married at Susan Parlow's when the roses were climbing up the sides of the house and the young robins were boldly trying their fuzzy wings. It struck her as rather strange, but she could not conjure up (at this wedding) more than two men besides the minister, the bridegroom, and the butler.

By forsaking his accustomed haunts, under the advice of Jones, the hidden warfare ceased temporarily. You can't very well kill a man when you don't know where to find him. He ate his breakfasts haphazardly, now here, now there. He received most of his assignments by telephone and wrote his stories and articles in his club, in the writing rooms of hotels, and invariably dispatched them to the office by messenger. The managing editor wanted to know what all this meant; but Norton declined to tell him.

It irked him to be forced to rearrange his daily life—his habits. It was a revolution against his ease, for he loved ease when he was not at work. He had the sensation of having been suddenly robbed of his home, of having been cast into the streets. And on top of all this he had to go and fall in love!

There was no longer a shadow opposite the apartments of the Princess Perloff. Braine came and went nightly without discovering any one. This rather worried him. It gave him the impression that the shadow had found out what he had been seeking and no longer needed to watch the coming and going of either himself or the Countess Perloff.

"Olga, it looks as if we were at the end of our rope," he said discouragedly. "We have failed in all attempts so far. The devil watches over that girl."

"Or God," replied the countess gloomily. "In nearly every instance their success has been due to chance. Somehow I'm convinced that he hasn't escape quietly, followed him, and made him fast when the right opportunity came. After a month or so his vigilance would have relaxed; he would have arrived at the belief that he had eluded us."

Worthy of the pages of Dumas and Balzac and Hugo, if true! Also of Shakespeare and Sholemsky and Mulbach, in order that the genius of no nation may be ignored. Did not Falstaff stand off with his redoubtable sword the 11 in buckram? Was not that other prince of braggarts as well as of fighters, Pan Zablago, mightiest in his cups? Shall Venice alone claim a Gauvain to disperse a column with a corporal's guard? And, if memory remains true, was there not a certain captain of Koepnick, self-bravetted,

"indeed!" ironically. "He wasn't vigilant all these years in which he did elude us. How about the child he never sought but guarded? Vigilance! He never was anything else but a fool. He has developed a conscience in our methods. And now too late for us to think of it, and there they are—the girl free, Norton unharmed, and the father as secure in his retreat as though he were an inviolable cloak. My head aches. I have ceased to be inventive."

"The two are in love with each other."

"Are you sure of that?"

"I have my eyes. But I begin to wonder."

"About what?"

"Whether or not Jones suspects me and is giving me rope to hang myself with. Not once have the police been called in and told what has really happened. They are totally at sea. And what has become of the man over the way?"

"By the Lord Harry!" exclaimed Braine, clapping his hands. "I believe I've solved that. We shot a man coming out of Hargreave's. Since then there's been no one across the way. One and the same man!"

"But that knowledge doesn't get us anywhere."

"No. You say they are in love?"

"Secretly. I don't believe the butler has an inkling of it. It is possible, however, that Susan has caught the trend of affairs. But, being rather romantic, she will in no wise interfere."

Braine smoked in silence. Presently a smile twisted his lips.

"You have thought of something?" she asked.

"You might try it," he said. "They have accepted your friendship; whether with ulterior purpose remains to be learned. She has been to your apartments two or three times to tea and always got home safely."

"No," she said determinedly. "Nothing shall happen here. I will not take the risk."

"Wait till I'm through. Break up the romance in such a way that the girl will bar Norton from the house. That's what we've been aiming at; to get rid of the meddling reporter. We've tried poison. Try your kind."

"What do you mean?"

"Lies."

"Ah! I understand. You want me to win him away from her. It cannot be done."

"Pshaw! You have a bag full of tricks. You can easily manage to put him into an equivocal position out of which he cannot possibly squirm so far as the girl is concerned. A little melodrama, arranged for the benefit of Florence. Fall into Norton's arms at the right moment, or something like that."

"I suppose I could. But if I failed?"

"You're too damnably clever to fall in your own particular work. Something has got to be done to keep those two apart. I've often thought of raiding the house boldly and carrying off the whole family, Susan and all. But a wholesale affair like that would be too noisy. Think it over, Olga; we have gone too far to back down now. There's always Russia; and while I'm the boss over here they never cease to watch me. They'll make me answer for a failure like this."

She eyed him speculatively. "You have money."

"O, the money doesn't matter. It's the game. It's the game of playing fast and loose with society, of plying with it with one hand and making it kow-tow with the other. It's the sport of the thing. What was your thought?"

"We could go away together, to South America."

"And tire of each other within a month," he retorted shrewdly. "No; we are in the same boat. We could not live but for this never ending excitement. And far more than that, we never could get far enough away from the long arm of the First Ten. We'll have to stick it out here. Can't you see?"

"Yes, I can see."

But in her heart she knew that she would have lived in a hut with this man till the end of her days. She abhorred the life, though she never, by the slightest word, let him become aware of it. There was always that abiding fear that at the first sign of weakness he would desert her. And she was wise in her deductions. Braine was loyal to her because she held his interest. Once that failed, he would be off and away.

The next afternoon the countess, having matured her plans against the happiness of the young girl who trusted her, drew up before the Hargreave place and alighted. Her welcome was the same as ever, and this strengthened her confidence.

The countess was always gesticulating. Her hands fluttered to emphasize her words. And the beautiful diamond solitaire caught the girl's eye. She seized the hand. Having an affair of her own, it was natural that she should be interested in that of her friend.

"I never saw that ring before."

"A gift of yesterday." The countess assumed a shy air which would have deceived St. Anthony. She twisted the ring on her finger.

"Tell me!" cried Florence. "You are engaged?"

"Mercy, no!"

"No. Money should not matter when your heart is involved."

As this thought was in accord with her own, Florence nodded her head sagely.

"It is nothing serious. Just a fancy."

I shall never marry again. Men are gay deceivers; they always have been and always will be. Perhaps I'm a bit wicked; but I rather like to prove my theory that all men are weak. If I had a daughter I'd rather have her be an old maid's darling than a young man's drudge. I distrust every man I know. I came to ask you and Susan to go to the opera with me tonight. You will come to my apartments first. You will come?"

"To be sure we will!"

"Simple little fool!" thought the Russian on the way home. "She shall see."

"I believe the countess is engaged to be married," said Florence to Jones.

"Indeed, miss?"

"Yes. I couldn't get anything definite out of her, but she had a beautiful ring on her finger. She wants Susan and me to go to the opera with her tonight. Will that be all right?"

Jones gazed abstractedly at the rug. Whenever a problem bothered him he seemed to find the solution in the delicate patterns of the Persian rugs. Finally he nodded. "I see no reason why you should not go. Only, watch out."

"Jones, there is one thing that will make me brave and happy. Will you tell me if you are in direct communication with my father?"

"Yes, Miss Florence," he answered promptly. "But do not breathe this to a single soul, neither Susan nor Norton."

"I promise that. But, ah! hasten the day when he can come to me without fear."

"That is my wish also."

"You need not call me miss. Why should you?"

"It might not be wise to have any one hear me call you thus familiarly," he objected gravely.

"Please yourself about that. Now I must telephone Jim."

"Jim?" the butler murmured.

He caught the word which was not intended for his ears. But for once Jones had been startled out of himself.

"Is it wrong for me to call Mr. Norton Jim?" she asked with a bit of banter.

"It is not considered quite the proper thing, Miss Florence, to call a young man by his first name unless you are engaged to marry him, or grew up with him from childhood."

"Well, supposing I were engaged to him?"

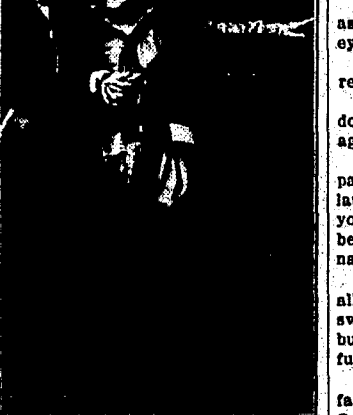
"That would be a very grave affair. What have you to prove that he may not wish to marry you for your money?"

"Why, Jones, you know that I haven't a penny in the world I can call my own! There is nothing to prove, except your word, that I am Stanley Hargreave's daughter."

"No, there is nothing to prove that you are his daughter. But hasn't it ever occurred to you that there might be a purpose back of this? Might it not be of inestimable value that your father's enemies should be let in?"

"Might it not be a means of holding them on the leash? There is proof, ample proof, my child; and when the time comes these will be shown you. But meantime put all thought of marrying Mr. Norton out of your mind."

"That I refuse to do," quietly. "I am at least mistress of my heart; and no one shall dictate to me when I shall or shall not marry. I love Mr. Norton and he loves me, knowing that



A Little Melodrama Arranged for the Benefit of Florence.

I may not be an heiress after all. And some day I shall marry him."

Jones bowed. This seemed to appear final to him, and nothing more was to be said.

Norton did not return to his rooms till seven. He found the telephone call and also a note in a handwriting unfamiliar. He tore off the envelope and found the contents to be from the Countess Perloff.

"Call at eight tonight," he read. "I have an important news story for you. Tell no one, as I cannot be involved in the case. Cordially, Olga, Countess Perloff."

Humph! Norton twiddled the note in his fingers and at length rolled it into a ball and threw it into the waste basket. He, too, made a mistake; he should have kept that note. He dreamed, dined, and hurried off to the apartments of the countess.

He arrived ten minutes before Florence and Susan.

And Jones did some rapid telephoning.

"How long, how long!" the butler murmured. How long would this

strange combat last? The strain was terrible. He slept but little during the nights, for his ears were always waiting for sounds. He had cast the chest into the sea, and it would take a dozen expert divers to locate it. And now, atop of all these worries, the child must fall in love with the first comest! It was heart-breaking. Norton, so far as he had learned, was cool and brave, honest and reliable in a pinch; but as the husband of Stanley Hargreave's daughter, that was altogether a different matter. And he must devise some means of putting a stop to it, but—

But he was saved that trouble. MongOOSE and cobra, that was the game being played; the cunning of the one against the deadly venom of the other. If he forced matters he would only lay himself open to the strike of the snake. He must have patience. Gradually they were breaking the organization, lopping off a branch here and there, but the peace of the future depended upon getting a grip on the spine of the cobra himself.

The trick was simple. The countess had news; trust her for that. She exhibited a cablegram, dated at Gibraltar, in which the British authorities stated definitely that no such person as William Orta, aviator, had arrived at Gibraltar. And then, as he rose, she rose also and gently precipitated herself into his arms, just at the moment Florence appeared in the doorway.

Very simple, indeed. When a woman falls toward a man there is nothing for him to do but extend his arms to prevent her from falling. Outwardly, however, to the eye which saw only the picture and comprehended not the cause, it had all the hallmarks of an affectionate embrace.

Florence stood perfectly still for a moment, then turned away.

"I beg your pardon," said the countess, "but a sudden fainting spell seized me. My heart is a bit weak."

"Don't mention it," replied the gallant Norton. He was as innocent as a babe as to what had really taken place.

When Norton came the next day she refused to see him. It was all over. She never wished to see him again.

"He says there has been some cruel mistake," said Jones.

"I saw him with the countess in his arms. I do not see any cruel mistake in that. I saw him. Tell him so. And add that I never wish to see him again."

Then she ran swiftly to her room, where she broke down and cried bitterly and would not be comforted by Susan.

"In heaven's name, what has happened?" demanded the frantic lover. "What has happened?"

The comedy of the whole affair lay in the fact that neither of the two suspected the countess, who consorted them both.

CHAPTER IX.

## The Leap in the Dark.

So far as Jones was concerned, he was rather pleased with the turn of affairs. This was no time for love-making; no time for silly, innocent quarrels and bickerings, in which love must indulge or die. Florence no longer rode horseback, and Norton returned to his accustomed haunts, where no one made the slightest attempt upon his life. In his present state of mind he would have welcomed it.

"What's the matter with Jim?" asked the night city editor, raising his eye shade.

"I don't know," answered the copy reader.

"Goes around as if he'd been eating dope; bumped into the boss a while ago and never stopped to apologize."

"Perhaps he's mapping out the front page for that Hargreave stuff," laughed the copy reader. "Between you and me and the gate post, I don't believe there ever was a man by the name of Hargreave."

"Oh, there was a chap by that name, all right. He's dead. A man can't swim 300 miles in rough water, life buoy or no. They ought to have funeral services, and let it go at that."

"But what was the reason for that Orta was alive? I don't see any sense in that."

"The man who pulled it off did. I think, for my part, that both Orta and Hargreave are dead, and that the man picked up by the tramp steamer Orient was riding some other balloon."

"You're wrong there. The description of it proved that it was Orta's machine. Oh, Jim probably has got a man's size yarn up his sleeve, but he's a long time in delivering the goods. He's beginning to mope a good deal. Woman back of it somewhere. Haven't held down this copy job for twelve years without being able to make some tolerable guesses. Jim's a star man. When he gets started nothing can stop him. He covered the Chinese Boxer rebellion better than any other correspondent there. I wonder how old he is!"

"O, I should say about thirty-one or two. Here he comes now. 'Lo, Jim!'"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Disimilarity.

"Marriage is a lottery," said the ready-made philosopher.

"I shouldn't say that," commented Miss Cayenne. "In a lottery it's a comparatively easy matter to tear up a losing ticket and take another chance."

Gov. Ferris Thursday received a notice from Secretary of State Bryan that the rule for the issuance of passports to other countries had been changed. The application for a trip abroad must appear before a federal state court which will issue an affidavit. This is to be forwarded to Secretary Bryan, who will have the passport issued. This change is a result of the war.

Lewis Hanson, 81, was instantly killed by a fall down a flight of stairs in the home of a son at Battle Creek.

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### Live Stock.

DETROIT—Cattle: Market very dull; best heavy steers, \$8.50; best heavy weight butcher steers, \$8.75; 7.50; mixed steers and heifers, \$8.50; 6.75; handy light butchers, \$8.50; 6.50; light butchers, \$8.75; 6.50; common cows, \$4.50; 6.50; canners, \$3.40; best heavy bulls, \$6.50; bologna bulls, \$6.50.

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## Local News

Conscience is the heart's safety valve.

Rasmus Jorgenson of Mauntee was a pleasant caller in the city Monday.

Editor Matheson of Roscommon was in the city on business Saturday last.

Russell Dean arrived today to visit his aunt, Mrs. William T. Hammond.

Mrs. William Brennan left for Mackinaw this afternoon to attend the funeral of her aunt.

C. H. Bircham of Lewiston and E. H. Parker of Lovells were in town on business this week.

Fred Larsen of Johannesburg is spending a few days here this week, visiting old friends.

The Danish Aid society are meeting at the Nels Michelson home this afternoon by special invitation.

Mrs. John McPherson of Cheboygan was a guest of her cousin, Mrs. William Brennan on Wednesday.

Jeff Fogelsonger returned the fore part of the week from Lewiston, where he had been on a hunting trip.

Remember I only have 18 overcoats left. Come in and pick yours out while picking is good. F. Dreese.

Miss Marguerite Chamberlin is home from the Ypsilanti Normal school to spend the Christmas holidays.

I have resolved, commencing with Christmas, that I will patronize the antiseptic barber shop. Walter Cowell, proprietor.

Anchor Schjotz, formerly a resident of this city, but now of New York, is suffering from an attack of appendicitis at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith of Onaway were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Devere Burgess Wednesday, enroute to Traverse City.

Your friends will appreciate a Christmas card. We have a fine line from 1c to 25c, also art calendars at 25c. Sorenson Bros.

Contentment is the only true happiness of life; and a pleasant disposition and good work will make the whole surroundings ring with cheerfulness.

Thermos bottles in cases, casseroles, stationery, touring sets, ivory and ebony goods, and many other beautiful things await you at the Central Drug store.

Edward Elliott will give the next number on the high school entertainment course at the Temple theatre next Monday night. Hear him. You will be well entertained and your patronage is needed.

The play, "The Forbidden Way," drew a fair attendance at the opera house Tuesday night, considering the numerous other attractions here that night. As was expected the performance, with Miss Louise Dubar playing the leading role, was high class.

Armatus Charron of Mason who has spent a couple of weeks here visiting his son, Edward, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Charron left Monday morning for Rogers City, where he has purchased a cigar shop. He has been in the same business in Mason and recently sold out.

The moving picture serial, "Perils of Pauline," started at the opera house last night with a good attendance to begin with. This is considered a fine attraction and no doubt will be well patronized. This picture will show aeroplane flights, war balloons, etc. One half of the proceeds of last night's performance was donated to the Methodist church.

Grayling stores are now in their holiday attire and looking fine and some of the merchants are deserving of special praise for their good taste and enterprise. These things help to show off their stock and wares and add interest to the patrons who visit the stores. Practically every store is well stocked with holiday goods from toys to good serviceable things and we wish to urge the buying public to do their Christmas shopping as soon as possible. Forceness are usually not so rushing as later in the day and this is the best time to trade, for then more personal attention may be given to show goods to the customers.

The sponsored and tickets for the band concert will be on sale at Olsen's Drug store.

The circle of human duties is only complete by the union of those of man and woman.

Special display and sale of ladies' furs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? Geo. L. ALEXANDER &amp; SON.

Special sale of Ladies and Children's Furs—Another large shipment just arrived. Grayling Mercantile Co.

A false friend is like a shadow on the dial; it appears in clear weather but vanishes as soon as a cloud approaches.

We wish to call our readers' attention to a good account of the war revenue tax to be found on another page of this issue.

Reserved seats for the Edward Elliott entertainment will be on sale at the Central Drug store Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

Go to the Temple theatre next Monday night and hear a good entertainer. Admission 20 and 25 cents. Reserved seats, 10 cents extra.

Why are some people all smiles when their visitors are about, and all frowns when all are gone but home folks? Why not have some smiles for the family?

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes. 12-3-11.

The Avalanche has secured a number of maps of Crawford county that we will furnish with new or renewal subscription at 50 cents each. The regular price of these maps is \$1.00.

The Sextette Jubilee singers at the Temple theatre Tuesday night gave a very enjoyable entertainment, the attendance, however, being very light. This was given under the auspices of the M. E. church.

There was no great loss estimated at the fire at Coulter's last week. Part of the roof was burned and in order to put the fire out one side of the wall had to be torn out, which was repaired shortly afterwards.

We call special attention to the combination offer of the Avalanche and Detroit Tribune at a remarkably low price. This is for renewals and new subscriptions. For particulars see the advertisement on last page.

Mr. Ellsworth received a letter last week from President Cavanaugh of the University of Notre Dame. The letter speaks very highly of the work being done by Stanley Insley of the class of 1914. It is gratifying to know that the graduates of our high school do go to higher institutions of learning and make good.

Warnings have been sent out to farmers of the middle Atlantic and Southern states to buy only seed potatoes which bear the white label of the potato inspection service of the Department of Agriculture. A great number of potatoes this year are affected with powdery scab and for this reason one should be certain that his seed has been duly inspected and found free from this blight.

From reports being received it would seem that some of our manufacturers will not be injured by the war. Some of the firearms companies are now obliged to run their plants night and day to turn out the orders being received. One company is said to have received a contract for \$2,000,000 worth of arsenal and army equipment for China. Some of the rubber companies are also enlarging their power plants so as to operate on night and day shifts because of the increase of business which is coming in.

Further steps toward organizing a Uniform Rank K. of P. were taken last night when Gen. S. P. Kyes, of Lansing was here in the interest of the Grand lodge and gave a talk regarding this branch of the order. Gen. Kyes was accompanied by Col. E. S. Tucker, also of Lansing; and Col. J. B. Keyes of Kalamazoo, representing the Henderson &amp; Ames Co., uniform manufacturers. There were 21 names signed to the muster roll and measurements were taken for uniforms, which will probably be here within four weeks. As the order expects to give a first annual ball about February 12, it is expected that the members of the Uniform rank will be present in their dress uniforms. It is intended that Capt. Wm. Case will be elected drill master and he predicts that within two months time he can have the company pretty well drilled.

Maple Forest Auto News.

Oscar Charron started to Frederic last Thursday evening with his auto. When a mile and a half from home something went wrong with his car and it took him three hours to get back home.

On Friday of last week Archie Howe started to Grayling with a load of dressed hogs. After leaving Frederic he stripped the gearing on his auto, went back to Frederic and hired a car to take the hogs to Grayling. When in Grayling he hired the big auto from the garage to go and get his car.

On Thursday of last week Merrill Sherman and his mother started to Grayling with a load of dressed hogs. When about three miles south of Frederic a tire bursted and they took it off and started without it. They hadn't gone far when the muffler blew up. It was now after dark but they kept on going till they got to Grayling. The next morning they could not buy a wheelbarrow and delivered their hogs. They made their way back home with the crippled auto.

Opening Day at the San Diego Exposition.

With the closing of the gates to the public on Nov. 30, in order that the last month of 1914 may be devoted entirely to the rapid installation of foreign and domestic exhibits, the San Diego Exposition enters upon the last lap of the pre-opening period. On Dec. 31 at sunset the gates will once more be thrown open and at midnight, with the arrival of 1915, a telegraph flash from the White House and the boom of guns on the battleships in the bay of San Diego will open officially the first all-year exposition in history.

President Wilson will not be in San Diego on New Year's day and the telegraphed signal must serve as a substitute for his presence. Two months later, according to information from Washington, the president will pass through the Panama canal with the fleet of American battleships and proceed up the coast to San Diego, the first port of call, for a two day stay at the exposition. He will then move on to the north for the sister exposition at San Francisco, which will open on February 20. His stay in southern California will be marked by special celebrations, notably the most impressive of the Aztec ceremonials and a tremendous showing of the mid-winter flowers of southern California where frost never comes.

Many reservations are now being made at the local restaurants, more especially those on the Isthmus and elsewhere in the Exposition grounds, by large parties from different parts of the west intent on being in San Diego for the opening night, looked upon as the "big night" in southern California history. Uniforms for the Spanish bandmen, the Spanish dancing girls, the conquistadores who will act as attendants and the Balboa guards, the name of the Pinkerton operatives who are already policing the grounds, have arrived and the display is striking. The whole atmosphere is Spanish.

How to Draw a Chicken.

Following are the directions given by the poultry dressing specialists of the department of U. S. Agriculture for drawing a chicken at home:

(1) Hold the chicken by the legs and run it quickly over the flame from a loosely-twisted, lighted newspaper, which, for safety, may be laid in a coal bucket or ash tray. This will remove the fine hairs. Remove any pin feathers with the aid of a sharp small knife blade. The charred hair may be washed off later.

(2) Cut the legs off well below the knee joint. If the legs are cut above the knee joint the flesh on the drumstick will be pulled back from the end.

(3) Cut the head off, leaving as much of the neck as possible, then push the skin of the neck back and cut the neck off quite close to the body. The envelope of the remaining skin gives the dressed bird a neater appearance. The neck bones with the adhering meat make a valuable addition to the giblets. The gullet and the windpipe are, of course, on the neck and must be pulled away.

(4) To remove the entrails, make an incision about 2 1/2 inches in length across the abdomen and as close to the vent as possible. In making this incision, be careful not to penetrate the intestine. Slip the fingers in first and gradually insert the whole hand through the slit into the body cavity. Work the viscera loose from its attachments by sliding the fingers over the inner surface of the body walls. In this way, after a little practice, the viscera can be removed quickly and easily. The lungs will almost invariably tear, leaving shreds sticking to the back. These, and the kidneys of the chicken, which are two long, dark red bodies lying each side of the backbone and firmly fastened, should be removed in pieces. The rest of the viscera, including the crop which lies far front and just under the skin of the breast, when loosened will come out in a mass through the incision. The intestine is still attached to the bird at the vent. To separate it clearly, the tube should be picked up just as close to the vent as possible and its contents pushed well back from the vent. Then cut closely around the vent, holding the intestine tightly between the fingers to insure cleanliness. Run a stream of water through the slit into the body cavity in such a way that it flows out through the vent and cleans the short piece of intestine still remaining. Then cut both vent and intestine away, leaving a neat, round hole no larger than is necessary.

To prepare the giblets, detach the heart, gizzard and liver, taking great care not to break the little green gall bladder attached to the liver, which contains a very bitter liquid, which, if allowed to escape, will give a bitter flavor to the giblets and gravy. This gall bladder is so close to the liver that some liver tissue must be cut away to be on the safe side. The color of a healthy chicken liver may vary from yellow to dark red. To prepare the gizzard, hold it with the thin edge toward the palm of the hand and make an incision the whole length along the thick side, being careful merely to cut through the muscle, but not into the inner sac. Then open the gizzard as you would a pocketbook and remove the inner sac, which is full of gravel, if possible without breaking it.

Finally, wash the chicken and giblets in clean, cold water, but do not let the chicken soak in the water, because the finest flavors of the meat and much nutritive material are dissolved in the water.

Once the chicken is dressed and washed, put it at once in the coldest place available and keep it there until it is to be put on the fire. The best way is to dress it just in time to go into the stove.

M. E. Church Notes.

Special services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday morning and evening at 10:30 and 7:00 o'clock. Dr. Dystant of Cheboygan will preach. A sacramental service will be held after morning service.

Special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir. All come. See special advertisement on first page.

Wanted—A Better Friend.

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I bring the groceries to your door throughout the year.

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Many times I slip and often I fall because I am not sharp shod.

Again and again I am left to shiver on the street after my day's work is done, being obliged to wait until my driver is ready to start me to the barn.

Do you wonder that I long for the grass region of Kentucky where the meadow lark's a-slugging up against the sky so blue?

But I'm not going back there. I'm going to stay right here and work right ahead and help all I can to make your home life comfortable.

Don't you want to be a better friend to me?

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ROOM for rent. Phone 1004 or inquire of Mrs. Laura Schroeder.

LOST—Purse containing sum of money, small flat brass key and personal cards. Finder please notify this office or Miss Clella Clark at South side school. 12-10-13.

LARGE SIZE—Phonograph and 100 records for cash or trade. What have you? Victor Salling. 12-10-12.

FOR SALE—Four horse power gasoline engine. Chris Hoelsi, phone 1084.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, one with bath. Inquire of Mrs. E. F. Matson.

PLAIN SEWING wanted, that I can do at home. Just east of Madison's addition on the south side of the river. Drop a card in the post office and I will call for the work, and believe I can satisfy you. Mrs. Sarah Deket. 11-26-2w.

STOVE and furniture repairing and upholstering. South side, next to Hendrickson's tailor shop. Robert McQuaid. 11-19-14.

Notice of Meeting of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Theodore M. Odell, deceased.

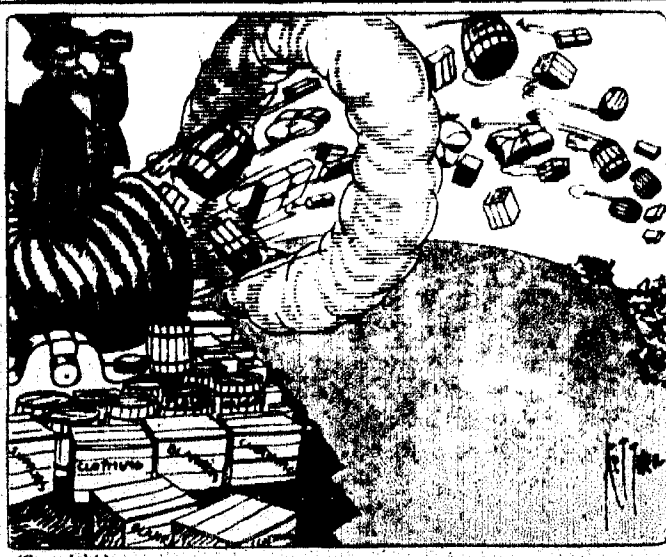
Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the seventeenth day of November, A. D. 1914 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the court house in the village of Grayling in said county, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated, December 11th, A. D. 1914.

MELVIN A. BATES, ALLEN B. FAILING, Commissioners.

We have just received information that the First National Nurseries of Rochester, N. Y., want lady or gentlemen representatives in this section to sell all kinds of roses, shrubs, trees and seeds. They inform us that without previous experience it is possible to make good wages every week. Any one out of employment write them for terms and enclose this notice. 11-19-18

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## Notice of Hearing Claims Before Court.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Christian W. Kanger, Deceased.

Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 17th day of Oct., A. D. 1914, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of the county clerk in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the second day of January, A. D. 1915, and on the 17th day of Feb., A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated November 17, A. D. 1914.

JOHN J. NEIDERMEYER, ALLEN B. FAILING, Commissioners.

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